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REPOSSESSIONS ON THE UP AS CREDIT CRUNCH HITS HOME

By JENNA PUDELEK

REPOSSESSIONS are on the rise across the county – and the worst may be yet to come, say housing experts.

More borrowers are struggling to keep up with higher mortgage repayments brought on by the credit crunch across the county's eight districts – apart from in Maidstone and Ashford.

According to the Ministry of Justice, the number of mortgage possession claims issued in Ashford has dropped 21 per cent in the second quarter of this year compared to the same period in 2007.

But in Tunbridge Wells 22 per cent more homeowners' properties are facing repossession.

Repayments

John Oakley, chairman of the East Kent branch of the National Association of Estate Agents, predicted worse may be to come.

"The credit crunch has not really hit them yet and from the end of September to December you might project higher repossession rates.

"I would not mind betting they would change at the end of September to December as the crunch starts to bite.

"People cannot afford their [mortgage] repayments and cannot sell because the market is just not happening," he said.

The Council of Mortgage Lenders revealed at the beginning of August the amount of

- Tunbridge Wells bears brunt
- Ashford bucking the trend
- Crunch to affect all classes
- Worst may be yet to come
- Dramatic rise in CAB clients

homes being repossessed nationally had risen 48 per cent in the last year.

Mr Oakley said he was surprised Ashford had bucked the national and regional trend for mortgage possession claims rising.

"If they had gone up then I would say it was because there is so much new building and promotion of high percentage mortgages that people cannot afford to live there.

"But this is a contradiction," he said.

He speculated as to why Tunbridge Wells had seen such a sharp increase, suggesting the higher property prices in the area meant people had borrowed more to afford their homes and were now under increasing financial pressure.

"It is one of the more expensive areas in the

county and if you are going to buy you have to have a good income or borrow more money which puts more pressure on maintaining that lifestyle.

"There's a pressure to 'keep up with the Joneses'," he said. "These people bought into the good lifestyle, they go out to the wine bars and restaurants and are perhaps living beyond their means which is putting pressure on their disposable income."

A housing spokeswoman for the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) in Tunbridge Wells said the branch was applying for extra funding to help it deal with the "dramatic" rise in the number of people seeking help with mortgage possession claims made against them.

She suggested the high number of people

with well-paid careers in the City living in the town, mainly because of the good schools, who were now facing job losses could account for the dramatic increase in homeowners struggling to pay their mortgages.

"Lately a couple came in and he'd had a good job earning £50,000, they were not the average client we deal with, they wanted to know what their rights were and what could happen after they'd been issued with a mortgage possession claim," she added.

Medway has seen no change since last year, in Dartford there was a 16 per cent increase, Canterbury has seen a rise of 17 per cent and in Thanet the number of people at risk of losing their homes has increased by five per cent.

The average rise in repossessions across the county is five per cent.

Decline

Judith Armit, managing director of Ashford's Future, which is responsible for the regeneration of the town that will see it double in size by 2031, said: "Ashford is attracting a growing number of well-paid, skilled jobs, which means those living and working in the town are managing to weather the storm."

Damian Green, the Conservative MP for Ashford, said the key to the decline in possible repossessions was due to housing in the area remaining relatively cheap in comparison to London boroughs, meaning people are less stretched than in some areas.

But he said it did not necessarily mean Ashford would meet its ambitious target of

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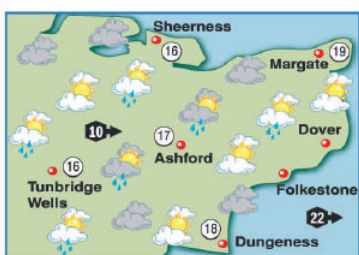
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TODAY: It will be a rather cloudy start with showery outbreaks of rain. These will clear to leave a mixture of sunny intervals and showers, some rather heavy. Brisk westerly winds. Max temp 16-19C (61-66F).

TONIGHT: Showers easing, leaving it dry with a few clear spells. Moderate winds. Min temp 9-12C (48-54F).

Around Britain

		°C	°F			°C	°F
Aberdeen	rain	15	59	London	drizzle	16	61
Belfast	cloudy	18	64	Liverpool	cloudy	18	64
Birmingham	rain	16	61	Manchester	showers	16	61
Bristol	rain	17	63	Newcastle	showers	15	59
Cardiff	cloudy	17	63	Norwich	showers	18	64
Cork	drizzle	18	64	Oxford	cloudy	17	63
Edinburgh	drizzle	16	61	Southsea	cloudy	17	63
Glasgow	rain	17	63	Sharnbrook	drizzle	16	61
Isle of Man	rain	16	61	Southport	rain	16	61
Leeds	showers	15	59	Swansea	cloudy	17	63
				Torquay	cloudy	17	63

Sun & moon

Sunrise	6.18am	Sunset	7.28pm	Lighting up times:
Moonrise	3.26pm	Moonset	10.11pm	7.28pm to 6.19am

High Tides

	today	tomorrow
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Dover	04.02 5.6 16.22 5.5	04.56 5.3 17.35 5.0
Margate	05.09 4.2 17.28 4.1	05.55 4.0 18.27 3.8
St Mary's	09.51 4.5 22.11 4.2	10.50 4.2 23.25 3.9

Week ahead

monday Sunny spells max 19C min 12C	thursday Rain at times max 21C min 11C
tuesday Rain at times max 20C min 12C	friday Sunny spells max 19C min 11C
wednesday Sunny spells max 20C min 14C	saturday Showers max 20C min 12C

Expert tells of 'mind-blowing scale' of crime on the internet

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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LAW enforcement agencies globally are struggling to keep up with increasingly sophisticated criminals in the battle against cybercrime, a leading academic from Kent has said.

International experts in computer crime gathered at Canterbury Christ Church University on Monday for the start of a two-day conference on the growing problem.

Denis Edgar-Nevill, who chaired the event and is head of the computing department at the university, spoke of the huge scale of the problem, from spam and junk email to scams and child sex abuse on the internet.

"People should not believe cybercrime is being dealt with well or that it is something law enforcement agencies are on top of," he said.

He said there were certain areas where police forces were doing "exceptionally well" but that the sheer scale of the problem was enormous.

Globally there are more than a billion internet users, a number which is growing fast.

Pornography

The internet opens up endless possibilities such as enabling people to send and receive emails at the click of a button, chatting 'live' online and sharing and transferring files.

Tackling paedophiles who use the internet to groom children through chatrooms and create and share child pornography on the web was discussed at the conference and has been the subject of many high-profile cases.

This time last year a paedophile ring involving a woman, who used to work at a pharmaceutical company in Kent, were jailed as part of a Kent Police investigation called Operation Starlight, which traced the criminals' activity using the internet.

Officers discovered extensive abuse of children under 13 years of age.

Mr Edgar-Nevill explained the kind of technology used by detectives, saying sophisticated processes were waiting not only to discover material, but also set traps for people who accessed it.

"Paedophiles log onto a website and they cannot be sure they are talking to another paedophile or



GLOBAL REACH: Law enforcement agencies are struggling to keep pace with cybercrime, a Canterbury conference heard this week

a police officer," he said. "But there is an enormous amount out there. It is a much bigger problem than many realise."

"The problem is mind-blowing in terms of the scale. It is a consequence of the technology becoming cheaper and more accessible."

The aim of the conference was to discuss the provision of education and training courses to equip police officers and security companies to fight cybercrime.

"There's a degree of catch-up going on as to who becomes more sophisticated - law enforcement agencies or the criminals."

"There is a battle to keep up to date and track things around the internet and make sure people are prosecuted. It is a much bigger enterprise than most people realise."

"Cybercrime can touch everybody, all the way from receiving software viruses, which is a crime because it damages your computer, to crimes against children and large-scale financial crimes."

"One of the concerns I have is that police forces focus on the more serious crimes."

"Large financial crimes are a big problem, but there are smaller level crimes which are not being addressed because there are not the resources."

"Law enforcement agencies are being swamped and there are not sufficient resources to cope."

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Kent well placed to do better than rest of country

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31,000 new homes in 23 years.

"I think it's going to be hugely difficult. We should be under no illusions that housebuilders want to continue building at the rate demanded in Ashford in this housing environment," he said.

While the current downturn in the global economy, brought on by the sub-prime mortgage crisis, has left more Kent homeowners struggling this year than last, the picture is much bleaker in other parts of the country.

Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Suffolk showed a 29 per cent increase in the number of property owners facing repossessions compared to 13 per cent for the South East as a whole.

Frazer Thompson, chair of the Kent branch of the Institute of Directors (IoD), said: "If anywhere's going to perform better I would expect it to be Kent."

Rescue package

"Kent is an area that is booming relatively to the rest of the UK economy because of the improvements to the infrastructure, of which there are more to come, and its proximity to Europe."

"And London is now expanding eastwards rather than west, which it has done historically."

In a bid to help struggling homeowners the Government unveiled a £1 billion 'housing rescue package' on Monday.

Measures include a mortgage rescue scheme to help people in danger of having their houses repossessed.

A system of 'shared ownership' has been put forward whereby homeowners can sell a share of their property to a housing association.

A one-year stamp duty 'holiday' has been ordered for people buying properties under £175,000 aimed at helping first-time buyers get on the property ladder.

Mr Thompson said: "I don't think it'll do much at all. The Government does not have any money because it spent unwisely during the good years and now other is not enough to stimulate the economy in the bad years."

He added that he thought 2012 would prove to be the light at the end of the tunnel for the economy.

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George Cross hero recalls shocking ordeal of 50 years ago

Night I was shot in face by a burglar

By JAMIE MCGINNES

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IT happened half a century ago, but Henry William Stevens remembers the night in Bickley, Bromley, as if it were yesterday.

At about 8pm on March 29, 1958, as a 30-year-old police constable, he was one of three officers who responded to a report of a suspected break-in.

What happened during the call-out would result in Mr Stevens, now 80, receiving the highest civilian award for gallantry, the George Cross.

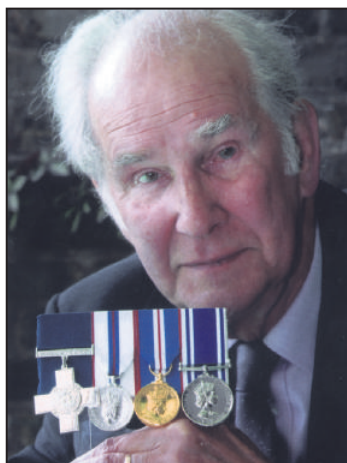
Dressed in plain clothes because he was in the process of joining the Metropolitan Police's CID, Mr Stevens went to the back of the house while the other officers entered the front garden.

As Mr Stevens reached the back of the house, a man jumped down from a fence five yards in front of him. He shouted a warning, but the man, who he recognised to be a "well-known villain", ran off.

Mr Stevens, who now lives in East London, chased him for 75 yards. The man then turned and, with a revolver in his hand, said: "Stop, or you'll get some of this."

In the dim light, Mr Stevens could not tell for sure if the man really did have a gun. He did not stop – and the burglar kept his word. "Everything seemed to explode," Mr Stevens told Kent on Sunday. "My face seemed to blow up – I saw stars. I could taste blood and I could feel bits in my mouth."

Dazed and unaware of how lucky he had just been, Mr Stevens resumed the chase. He grabbed the crook, forced him up against



FIRING LINE: Henry Stevens with his medals, including the George Cross, left

railings and managed to wrestle the gun from his grip. The man stopped struggling and said he'd had enough, but when Mr Stevens relaxed his hold the criminal squeezed his testicles, causing him to let go.

Mr Stevens got up again, but after a short distance, fell to the ground exhausted. A jacket and coat left behind by the burglar led to his arrest a week later. Only when Mr Stevens got to Bromley Hospital did he realise the extent of his injuries.

"I thought it must have been a starter pistol," he added. "It wasn't until the doctor

said 'We'll have to operate' that I knew."

The bullet had hit him in the mouth, shattering his teeth and part of his jawbone. His tongue had cushioned the impact, acting "like a sandbag".

The grandfather-of-five believes he did not give up the pursuit because of his tough upbringing in Bow, east London.

"My father died when I was five and my mother brought up six of us. I wasn't a mummy's boy who went to college."

"I roughed it. I mucked about with the boys at school, got into scraps and I'm sure that helped. I was so annoyed that somebody had done that to me and he wasn't going to get away with it."

Mr Stevens, who retired from the Met as a chief inspector, added: "Often you would have a bit of a punch-up with them or struggle. They never came quietly like on TV."

His citation in the London Gazette of October 17, 1958, said: "Constable Stevens displayed courage of the highest order in disregarding a threat with a firearm, closing with a gunman after being shot in the mouth and, although seriously injured, continuing in his efforts to arrest the criminal."

But he said his actions were nothing compared with George Cross holders such as Royal Marine reserve Matthew Croucher, who flung himself on a grenade in Afghanistan to save his comrades – and somehow survived.

"People like him are heroes. I never look at myself like that," said Mr Stevens.

There are only 21 holders of the George Cross still alive, and nine living recipients of the Victoria Cross, its combat equivalent.



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Top cop attacks sentencing policy

KENT'S Chief Constable Mike Fuller says the Government is to blame for serious criminals avoiding prison sentences.

In an article in The Guardian newspaper, Mr Fuller said a lack of spaces meant offenders were being released early, or not being jailed at all.

He added that five years ago ministers ordered police to bring more criminals to justice, but had failed to think through the consequences.

Mr Fuller said: "The feeling is the police do their bit, they catch dangerous offenders, and sentencing policy is determined by prison places."

Shop's spider scare

A DEADLY banana spider was killed by the RSPCA after scaring staff at a Chatham supermarket.

The creature, which is thought to have been brought in from Colombia, emerged at the Co-op store in Wayfield Road, on Monday night.

Officer Anthony Pulfer used leather gloves and a pencil to force the spider into a box.

He said: "It was very aggressive when I was putting it in the box, jumping around and trying to attack me."

The RSPCA said the spider, which was about one-and-a-half inches long and one of the most venomous in the world, was "humanely put to sleep".

Meanwhile, a tarantula was also picked up by the RSPCA in Hastings, East Sussex, on Tuesday after a family accidentally brought it home from a holiday in Cyprus.

TV chef's ad break

TV CHEF Phil Vickery and Aldi have teamed up to tackle the effects of the credit crunch on the nation's eating habits.

The Folkestone-born Ready Steady Cook personality will be working with the discount store from this month.

The award-winning chef, who is married to This Morning presenter Fern Britton, will feature in Aldi's TV adverts from September 15.

He said: "With everyone's purse strings tightening, Aldi offers a genuine alternative."

Mr Vickery started his career in a seaside hotel in Folkestone and went on to work at Restaurant 74 in Canterbury.

New figures confirm M20 trucks menace

THE M20 is the worst road in the UK when it comes to accidents caused by lorries in which people are killed or injured, according to new figures.

HGVs account for 40 per cent of serious accidents along the motorway but comprise just eight per cent of the traffic flow.

This is nine per cent more than the number of deaths and injuries caused on the UK's roads as a whole.

The M20 is the major route between London and port of Dover, where lorries cross to and from the Continent.

A regular user from Gravesend, said: "These figures won't surprise anyone who uses the M20 on a daily basis."

"But it's not the volume of lorries or their size, it's the blatant bad driving of a small number of them."

"You can be overtaking a string of lorries in the slow lane, and one will indicate and immediately pull out. You have to either pull up sharply, which endangers the driver behind you, or you have to shoot straight into the fast lane, again very dangerous."

"Also, now and again you'll get a lorry doing 61mph overtaking another doing 60mph, and it takes ages while cars pile up behind trying to get into the usually busy fast lane."

"There have been trials on some motorways where lorries are not allowed to pull out from the slow lane. This makes sense and won't really affect the lorries because they're all usually in convoy at 60mph anyway."

The statistics have been compiled by the

Liberal Democrats, who want to get more freight on railways to cut road deaths and injuries. They have been put together over the last five years as part of the party's policy strategy on transport infrastructure across the country.

Lib Dem transport spokesman Norman Baker said: "Some of our roads are becoming lorry accident blackspots. Many of these accidents could have been avoided."

"Our roads network is clearly not capable of dealing with the large volume of freight it carries. Ensuring more freight travels by rail would make it safer."

"Instead of tackling the need for rail freight the Government continues to plough money into road expansion."

The figures emerged as the Government continues to look into plans to allow massive 60-tonne supertrucks onto the UK's roads.

They are in regular use in Europe and the USA, and the EU would like to see them permitted on all member states' roads – despite opposition from road safety campaigners and environmental groups.

Transport Secretary Ruth Kelly has stated they are unsuitable for British roads but pressure has been increased by the rising costs of fuel which hauliers say make larger lorries more cost effective.

The Freight Transport Association has backed the call, saying the large lorries would cut carbon emissions by 30 per cent as loads could be transported more economically and by fewer vehicles.

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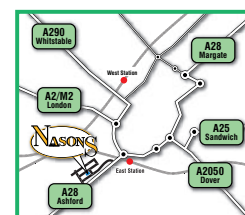
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A SMALL group of soldiers from Kent's county regiment defended crucially important high ground from more than 400 Taliban fighters in Afghanistan.

Just over 30 men from the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment – nicknamed the Tigers – used sniper rifles to repel the enemy from Roshan Tower, which overlooks the town of Musa Qala in Helmand Province.

Only one British soldier was wounded during the nine-day battle,

30 Tigers hold off 400 Taliban

which was commanded by Lieutenant Dave Thomas, 24, from Meopham.

As the attacks increased, he called for support from Apache helicopters and British, US, French and Dutch jets, and the troops emerged victorious. Lt Thomas's father, Ian, said he was proud yet worried when he discovered what his son had been up to

in Afghanistan. He said: "Because of the restrictions he can't tell us much when we speak on the telephone, so it's a bit of a worry when we hear stories like this.

"But it's the same for anyone who has a relative out there fighting. You're proud of them but that pride is tinged with concern too."

Lt Thomas, who attended

Gravesend Grammar School for Boys, has now left Afghanistan after four months' service and will return home shortly.

His father said: "His platoon has flown back to Cyprus for debriefing and then he'll be coming back to Kent.

"It will be really good to see him again, catch up and talk through

what he has been doing. Then we'll decide how to celebrate his return."

The Roshan Tower battle was watched on the ground by former SAS soldier and Bravo Two Zero author Andy McNab, who praised the troops' bravery in an article in The Sun.

• Kent on Sunday reporter Jamie McGinnes was the first journalist to spend time with the Tigers at Roshan Tower last month, and actor/presenter Ross Kemp has also been there filming a documentary.

Expert's warning to village retailers

By **TONY PATEY**

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A RURAL retailing expert has warned that Kent's small shopkeepers face huge threats which could devastate their trade.

Sean Carter, rural retail consultant of Action with Communities in Rural Kent, said Government proposals and actions by the publishing industry could affect sales of newspapers, tobacco and alcohol.

Speaking at a ceremony to mark the Kent Calor Village of the Year and the county's Community Retailer of the Year, he said those three items make up about 40 per cent of an average rural retailer's turnover.

Shopkeepers could find themselves struggling to keep newspapers on their shelves because publishers of national titles are testing whether to deal direct with the public via subscriptions, cutting out wholesalers and retailers.

He said: "Publishers are already testing this in Belfast. It's too early to say what the results are, but it is a cause for concern."

Also, government proposals aim to do away with tobacco displays and keep items such as cigarettes under the counter – which means a lot of extra cost for retailers and the threat of lower sales.

Mr Carter said: "The consultation period ends on Monday and we'll have to wait and see what happens after that, but the industry's reaction has been furious."

Top level ideas are also circulating that alcohol sales should be banned to under 21s rather than under 18s. But this is a growth

market for retailers and changes could have a huge impact on sales.

Kent's Community Retailer of the Year is Ian Florey of the village Spar shop in Sissinghurst, and the county's Calor Village of the Year is Burham.

It is the site of the Battle of Medway, which took place in 43 AD, but in the battle of the villages this year it beat 22 others for the coveted award, which was presented at Lenham community hall on Thursday.

Burham also took top place in the competition's People section, while the Business category went to East Peckham.

Environment was won by Bredhurst, Communications by Minster in Thanet and the Special Commendation for New Entrant went to Charing.

The competition is organised annually by Action with Communities in Rural Kent with sponsorship by Calor, the Kent branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England, Shepherd Neame, BBC Radio Kent, Kent Community Foundation, and Kent Men of the Trees.

Burham will now represent Kent in the Calor Village of the Year for England competition, with the opportunity of sharing a prize fund totalling more than £40,000.

The Battle of Medway was between the Romans and British tribes at a crossing point on the River Medway.

Burham is also close to the prehistoric Kits Coty monument, and a short distance from the site of the Battle of Aylesford, which was fought in 455AD between invading Saxons and the native British.

There has been a settlement in Burham since Saxon times. In the mid-1800s it became a 'cement village' on the Medway, and now has a population of about 1,300.



WELL DONE: Ian Florey, left, receives his Community Retailer of the Year award from Sean Carter

Mum's pain for lifesaver

A DISTRAUGHT mother has spoken of her anguish at being told her son could die after saving the life of his girlfriend in Dover.

William Roberts, 17, was taken to the Royal London Hospital after a road accident left him with severe head injuries.

But last Sunday, after neurosurgery, the teenager opened his eyes for the first time.

The former Canterbury High School pupil had been walking with girlfriend Danielle Watson, 16, across London Road on Monday, August 18, when he was struck by a black Vauxhall Safira.

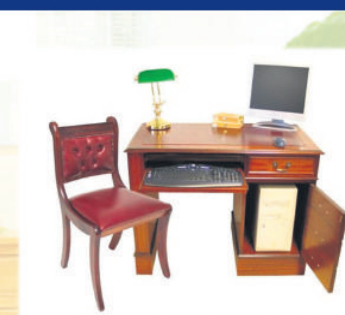
Danielle said William pushed her out of the way before being hit.

His mother, Michelle, 36, said: "I can't describe the pain or the hurt. We thought he was going to die.

"You can never tell how someone will recover from a brain injury. His personality could be affected."

Mum-of-six Michelle added that her "funny and kind" son – 18 next month – had also saved his brother from drowning when he was just 11.

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JAILED: William Ball

Tattooed abuser jailed

A MAN who was once the most heavily tattooed in England has been jailed for 10 years for sexual abuse offences.

William Ball, 67, of The Downs, Preston, near Canterbury, was sentenced on Monday at Canterbury Crown Court.

He was convicted of six rapes and eight indecent assaults which took place more than 20

years ago when he was living in Deal. Ball got his first tattoo aged 15 when he was looking for work as a circus performer and he has extensive body art on his face and head.

At one time he was recognised as the most heavily tattooed man in England. Ball has been placed on the sex offenders register for life and is banned from working with children.

How Kos Media's 2007 campaign has improved young lives in country torn apart by war

New hope for the blind children of Sierra Leone

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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A CHARITY worker has described how Kent on Sunday and its readers have helped hundreds of disabled children across one of the world's poorest countries.

KoS and the UK charity that supports Milton Margai School for the Blind in Sierra Leone organised a concert for their renowned choir at Canterbury Cathedral last July.

The 25 blind and partially sighted young choristers enraptured the audience during the performance, which was part of a UK-wide tour.

Peter Penfold, chairman of the UK Association for the Milton Margai School for the Blind, said most of the tens of thousands of pounds raised by the choir's tour has been spent on keeping the school in the capital Freetown going.

But £1,000 was also given to each of the neighbouring schools for deaf and disabled children and the country's only other blind school, in the southern city of Bo.

"The money had quite an impact in the country as a whole," Mr Penfold said.



JOB WELL DONE: Readers' donations of educational material and Milton Margai School for the Blind choir's tour (above right) has helped improve the lives of the school's pupils

During the 11-year civil war rebel fighters deliberately blinded some of the 83 pupils and many others lost family members. One young woman watched her father killed by rebels before they held her down and poured liquid plastic into her eyes.

At last year's concert the choristers sung about loss and sadness, but also their hope that peace and democracy in the country could last.

Discrimination

Young people educated at the school often go on to university and many enjoy successful careers, bucking the trend in a country in which the disabled face widespread discrimination – and worse.

Mr Penfold, a former British High Commissioner, said: "These are people who go on to make a difference. It is not just helping an individual – there is scope for rebuilding the country."

One former pupil runs one of the country's major recording studios, another works in the legal system and Imurana Vandi, who

has written a number of articles for KoS, works in national radio.

"They are role models for not only disabled people but the wider community," said Mr Penfold. "Vandi's job is almost a direct result of what he did here because he was given the opportunity to portray his writing skills."

He said he was working with a disabled MP in Sierra Leone in an attempt to pass disability legislation.

"We only want to give them a level playing field. At the moment they won't even be interviewed, whether they are capable or not."

"Children born blind and disabled are often murdered at birth in their village or locked away at home."

Barbara Davidson, who has been a teacher at the school for 15 years, said the school had only ever taught one child with multiple disabilities.

The blind boy had been so severely drugged by rebels that he had epilepsy, which eventually caused a seizure that led to his death, she said.



When KoS interviewed the choir before the concert the children were very matter of fact about their past and talked openly about losing family in the fighting that has ravaged their country.

Larry Davis is a fundraiser for the national charity Vision and helped organise the Canterbury concert. After being inspired by the children's performance he decided to help the school further.

In its first project abroad, the charity donated £18,000 to the school for two accommodation blocks to be built and the refurbishment of a vocational centre, which teaches less academically gifted pupils practical skills.

To find out how you can help the school further go to www.miltonmargaischool.org.

In June, 2007, KoS took hundreds of books and educational materials donated by generous readers to give to children at a school in the village of Kent, Sierra Leone.

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Town in drive to cut traffic and pollution

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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MAIDSTONE could be quieter than usual if commuters agree to leave their cars at home for one day in the name of the environment.

People who would normally drive into the bustling county town have been asked to find alternative modes of transport for the finale of Maidstone Goes Green week, on Friday, September 19.

To assess the results of the day, Kent Highway Services will monitor the traffic flow on the main arterial routes while the borough council will measure the air quality and compare it with past data.

County councillor Keith Ferrin, who is the cabinet member for the environment, welcomed the idea.

He said: "It's amazing that 25 per cent of all journeys are two miles or less, but we often use the car out of habit."

"We want everyone to look at the way they travel and recognise they can make that daily traffic queue shorter, while at the same time saving themselves money."

"Climate change is something we're all responsible for and we need to get the message across that making small lifestyle changes can make a big difference."

Motorists who agree to leave their



CONGESTION: Maidstone's roads would be less busy if people cycled

cars at home will automatically enter the Maidstone Commuter Challenge, and will therefore be able to pick up free mini-breakfasts by passing one of three finish lines in the town.

Those who find more imaginative ways to travel in will be entered into a competition to win a six-month gym membership or one of three bicycles from Cycles UK.

Cllr Trudy Dean, leader of the Liberal Democrats on Kent County Council, welcomed the principle of the scheme but said it would be unrealistic to expect commuters to leave their cars at home in the long term.

She said: "The only way this can be done significantly in Maidstone is by creating more park-and-ride schemes."

"The level of pollution in the town is causing great concern so if we are

going to introduce no-car days they need to be on a more regular basis.

"A lot of money has been spent on reducing traffic congestion in the town, but that's not going to reduce the pollution because the vehicles are still there."

"I would welcome people using alternative modes of transport providing facilities like safe cycle tracks and pedestrian routes are put in place, but it's unrealistic to expect people to totally desert their cars."

Each day of Maidstone Goes Green week, which starts on Monday, September 15, will focus on a different transport option.

The town's three shopping centres – The Mall Chequers, Fremlin Walk and Royal Star Arcade – will also take part by hosting events such as free bicycle health checks and bus clinics.

Mixed feelings over PM's housing plans

REACTIONS in Kent to Prime Minister Gordon Brown's £1.6 billion package of measures to help the ailing housing market this week were mixed.

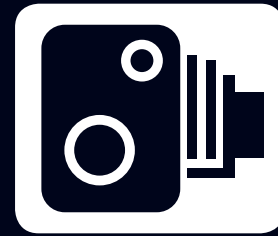
It was a bid to help first-time buyers get on the housing ladder and an aid to homeowners who are struggling to meet their mortgage repayments and may face eviction.

To kick start the housing market would do a lot to ease the pain of the current economic downturn because it is a major generator in the national economy – there are

a lot of spin-offs which boost coffers and start shop tills ringing.

But, although county experts thought it was certainly some good news, many felt it did not tackle the root cause of the market's ongoing problems – lack of mortgage funding and availability.

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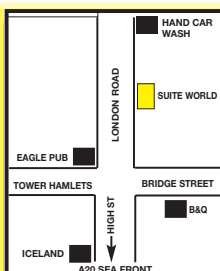
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Returning the favour for Dunkirk's Queen

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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THE Medway Queen will sail closer to salvation when a contract to rebuild its hull is finalised this month.

Bristol-based boatbuilder David Abels has won the right to reconstruct the historic paddle steamer after being selected from a list of eight by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

He will be helped by tradesmen who specialise in the traditional boatbuilding technique of riveting, using plans which date back to when the Medway Queen was first constructed in the 1920s.

The Medway Queen Preservation Society has been fighting to preserve the boat for more than 20 years, and in 2006 it won a £1.8 million grant from the lottery fund.

Spokesman Brian Goodhew was delighted the group's campaign was picking up steam. He said: "I believe that now things are happening after many years, people will take a renewed interest. This is the first chapter in a new beginning."

Mr Goodhew said 8,000ft of decking was now in containers ready to be transported to Bristol once the contract has been signed.

He added: "We've been trying to save the Medway Queen for years and now we've taken a big step forward."

"It's part of our national heritage and



RIVETING NEWS: The Medway Queen

important to preserve. The Medway Queen saved 7,000 soldiers at Dunkirk."

Built in Scotland in 1924, the Medway Queen served as a minesweeper protecting the Channel in the Second World War.

After evacuating Kent children to East Anglia in 1939, she became part of the flotilla of little ships rescuing soldiers from Dunkirk during Operation Dynamo.

The Medway Queen made a record seven crossings – shooting down three enemy aircraft in the process – and was later given four awards for gallantry, as well as the title the Heroine of Dunkirk.

After being taken out of service in 1963 she narrowly avoided being scrapped and has sunk twice since, once after hitting an underwater obstruction in the Isle of Wight and again while awaiting repairs at

Chatham dockyard.

When Mr Abels and his team start work on the Medway Queen, it will be the first fully-riveted ship to have been built in an English shipyard for 50 years.

He said: "This project needs modern technology applied to an old skill. Back in the day the rivets would be picked up from a coke furnace using tongs, then thrown up to a man holding a bucket."

"We wouldn't be able to do something as dangerous as that, so have had to research how we can do it safely."

"I've been here for 29 years, which probably makes me the oldest boatbuilder in the country that hasn't had a change of ownership or gone into liquidation."

"Our specialism has been difficult projects. We've done some really weird things and are used to solving problems, so the Medway Queen fits our skill set."

When asked if he had ever worked on a boat as historic as the Medway Queen, Mr Abels replied: "I don't think anyone has. It's good we've been selected to rebuild the hull – and we'll enjoy ourselves while we do it."

Mr Abels added that the boat will be ready to float again by either late 2009 or early 2010.

The society's next task is to raise enough money to fit out the inside of the Medway Queen once it has been rebuilt.

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Developing into an isle nightmare?

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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THE landscape of Thanet will be irreparably damaged if large-scale developments continue to be approved, says an environmental body.

The Kent branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England is against plans for a large industrial estate at Manston, which it says will eventually expand and encroach on the countryside.

While the firm behind the controversial China Gateway project – Commercial Kent Properties – has only applied for permission to build on land already earmarked for industrial use, it has confirmed it would like to develop two further phases in the future.

CPRE Kent says the proposals are just the latest in a string of development plans that will have a "huge and irreversible" effect on the landscape of Thanet, and has produced a map to prove its point.

Colin Bridge, convenor of the charity's Thanet group, said: "We want people to understand just how much Thanet is going to change, even without the China Gateway."

"Adding to these pressures with a hugely damaging development like the Gateway will have a profound impact for the worse on the quality of life in Thanet."

Mr Bridge points to the massive Thanet Earth greenhouse development, new homes near Westwood Cross and the second phase

of the East Kent Access Road as examples of other large-scale developments on the isle.

He added: "We need our council to develop robust policies that will respect Thanet's remaining open spaces as well as secure its economic prosperity."

"We recognise Thanet needs quality jobs, but the cumulative effect of all this building will transform the isle and we want people to wake up to the importance of protecting what remains."

The original Gateway application was due to be decided by Thanet council's planning committee on August 20, but a Labour motion was moved to put the decision before the full council.

A date has now been set for Thursday, October 9, after the initial suggestion of September 11 was criticised as being too soon for enough detail to be covered.

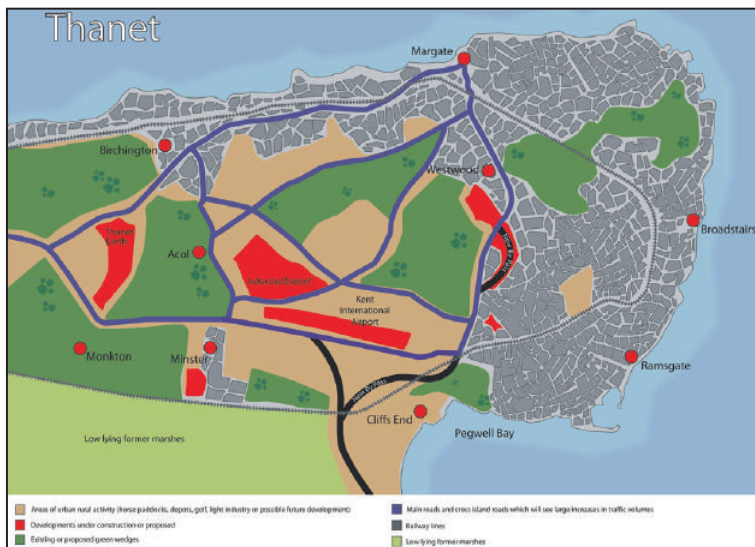
Meanwhile, a public meeting to discuss the plans has also been arranged for 7.30pm on Tuesday.

It will be hosted by film-makers Norman Thomas and Christine Tongue at the Red Hall in Grosvenor Road, Broadstairs.

Speaking to our sister paper Yourthanet, Mr Thomas said it was critical everyone understood the issues involved and what was at stake.

He added: "We will explain what the proposals for China Gateway involve and discuss what they may mean to the area."

"The plan involves building a vast industrial development on one of Thanet's aquifers – one of the main sources of our drinking water. We cannot sleepwalk into this."



ISLE BE DAMNED: The CPRE has produced this map of how Thanet could change forever

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Quality county produce and top chefs are whipping up a gastronomic hot spot

Tasty trio puts 'east Kent triangle' on the food map

By **MICHAEL SIMS**

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KENT restaurants are causing a stir in the new Good Food Guide 2009, leading to comparisons with foodie heaven Ludlow.

There are three new county entries in the guide – all located within the 'east Kent triangle' of fine dining – which was published this week.

The Yew Tree Inn at Barfreston, near Dover, is one of the pubs to enter the well-respected guide, and is also the winner of the 2009 UK Pub Newcomer Award.

It has only been open for six months and its success has left head chef Ben Williams "gobs-macked".

Canterbury-born Mr Williams, formerly head pastry chef at The Square in London, said: "It is beyond our wildest dreams and is fantastic for the whole team, especially as we have only been open since March. Our menu is



PIG'S CHEEK: Carpenters Arms speciality

firmly focused on using local produce, with our meat all coming from within 27 miles. We source our fish from Hythe and Deal, and our fruit and vegetables are straight from the Kent countryside.

Mr Williams believes it is this local produce – as well as the pub not forgetting "that it is a pub, and so should serve sensible, affordable food like steak and chips" – that is crucial to its success. Customers are flocking from across

Kent and beyond to visit the rural pub, which offers two courses for £9.95. One group of visitors even hired a minibus and travelled from Romford, Essex, to eat at the pub for a birthday meal.

Also appearing in the guide for the first time is the Carpenters Arms in Eastling, where Simon Wills has fused traditional English cooking with French influences.

He believes local produce is key to the success of the 14th century pub.

Mr Wills said: "The pub is a rustic country place and we use as much Kent produce as possible, including rabbit and pigeon, as well as using Kentish pigs for our deep-fried pig's cheek."

The Three Mariners at Oare is another newcomer to the guide. It uses local farm shops and serves fish from the only day boat working from Oare creek, which is just 50 metres away.

Manager Claire Houlihan said: "We source a lot of our food from Broadstairs. We often get fruit and vegetables from local allotments and all our fish is from the Kent coast."

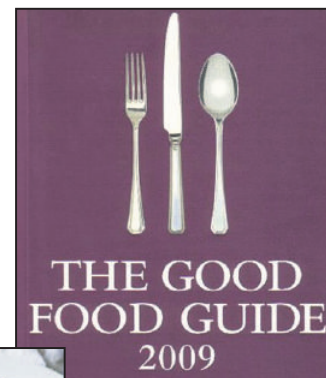
"We have a delivery every morning – it's so fresh, some of the fish are still alive."

The Three Mariners has only been open nine months but due to the popularity of its three courses for £10 offer, it will soon be extending its opening hours.

Elizabeth Carter, editor of the guide, was impressed by Kent's cuisine.

She said: "Reporters to The Good Food Guide have identified an area, not a town, as the new gastronomic hot spot."

"A rough triangle encompassing Canterbury, Whitstable and Faversham in east Kent has lured quality chefs, drawn by



TUCK IN: The 2009 Good Food Guide has three new Kent entries, prompted by treats like this, left, at the Three Mariners



the high-quality Kentish meat, fish, vegetables and fruits. Is this east Kent triangle the new Ludlow?"

These newcomers join the growing list of Kent pubs in the guide, which already features four Whitstable establishments including the Sportsman at Seasalter; the Canterbury restaurant the Goods Shed, and Read's at Faversham.

• *The market town of Ludlow in Shropshire is famous for its food and drink, and the annual festival held in September for foodies.*

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CRUEL FOR CATS: Marie Walpole's pets are recovering from their wounds

One cat dies and two are hurt in pellet gun attacks

THREE cats belonging to the same owner have been shot with air rifles, forcing vets to put one of the animals down.

The RSPCA is investigating after the attacks on Marie Walpole's pets in Northfleet.

Phoebe, a three-year-old female, did not appear at breakfast time on Sunday, August 17. The cat had been seen by a neighbour the previous evening and was fine.

Miss Walpole went looking for her pet and found Phoebe on the ground, covered in flies. The animal was taken to a vet, as she was dragging her back legs.

Phoebe had been shot and was paralysed by a pellet lodged near the spine. A decision was taken to put the animal to sleep.

Brian, a black 18-month-old male, was shot just days later. An X-ray showed the pellet had torn the muscle and shattered the bone in his hind leg. The pet has undergone orthopaedic surgery.

Improvement

Charlie, a four-year-old male, was taken to a vet on August 20 after being found injured. An X-ray revealed a pellet next to the cat's spine.

Charlie has no use of his back legs and is catheterised, but vets say there has been an improvement and he probably will walk again.

And Miss Walpole is worried for the safety of her six-month-old black and white kitten, Basil, who has been missing since Friday, August 15.

A neighbour's cat has been shot in the back leg and another resident's cat has been shot three times.

RSPCA inspector Vikki Dawe said: "We are extremely concerned that someone has been shooting cats in this area."

"It is an offence and if anyone has any information that will assist us in catching the culprit and prosecuting them then we would like to hear from them."

Contact the RSPCA, in confidence, on 0300 1234999.

Hughes that on the telly?

A MAJOR new eight-part documentary to be screened on Channel 4 is to star the Hughes family from Canterbury.

The family – dad Simon, mum Jane, daughters Jessica, Emily and Charlotte and son Tom – have agreed to be filmed around the clock, offering a unique insight into the inner workings of British domesticity.

Filmed over 100 days and nights, *The Family* was directed by Bafta-winning Jonathan Smith, and uses documentary film-making techniques and purpose-built camera technology.

Twenty-one cameras were fitted in the Hughes' semi-detached house, while the home next door was converted into a production gallery.

Dad Simon, 44, describes his role within the family as "cook, taxi, painter and decorator, encourager, the default person to ask anything, provider, giver of cuddles and the one who has to pretend to be in charge."

His wife of 22 years, Jane, 40, works for a charity. Jane defines her responsibilities as "peace-keeper, general dogsbody and keeper of all knowledge of where people have to be and where their belongings are."

A frequent visitor to the house is eldest daughter and stay-at-home mum Jessica, 22, who lives nearby with her fiancé Pat Lee and their 10-month-old daughter Ruby.

She describes the dynamics of her family as "loving, close, loud

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and food obsessed". The series will conclude with Jessica and Pat's wedding.

Mr Smith said: "What is remarkable about the Hughes family is that they are in many ways, pretty unremarkable."

"I think they're an antidote to some of the larger-than-life characters we see on television today. Their selling point is their normality."

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The Harbour Board, which has been acknowledged as a model of best practice, comprises both elected councillors and co-opted independent members. The term of service of two of the co-opted members will finish in December 2009 and applications are invited for replacement members for a term of three years.

Applicants must have an interest in public service and be committed to developing the harbour as a financially self-supporting operation while balancing potentially conflicting demands. Proven skills in marine operations, property development or finance will be particularly welcome. There are nine board meetings a year together with occasional working groups as required. Board members receive a modest allowance and appropriate expenses will be reimbursed.

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Delving into Roman fort's secrets

BURIED TREASURE: The Roman harbour shoreline could be revealed by this month's dig at Richborough

By **MICHAEL SIMS**
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AN archaeological dig at Richborough Roman fort could be about to unearth secrets dating back 2,000 years.

The fort, near Sandwich, is now more than two miles from the sea due to the silting up of the Wantsum Channel that once separated the Isle of Thanet from the rest of Kent.

But in AD43 Richborough overlooked a sheltered harbour where many invading Romans first set foot on British soil.

English Heritage hopes a dig on previously untouched land may reveal the original Roman coastline, which has never been identified.

Richborough, then known as Rutupiae, once boasted a bustling port and was the main gateway to Roman Britain.

The dig, taking place this month, will focus on a section of the fort's collapsed east wall, which has not been excavated before because it is too near the railway line.

"We simply don't know what we will find," said archaeologist Tony Wilmott. "We are keeping our fingers crossed that we will uncover some exciting new discoveries – who



knows, perhaps even a ship – and that the dig will help us widen our knowledge about the port and harbour area of the site."

Members of the team plan to organise two tours of the site, taking in the settlement and amphitheatre, as well as the new excavations and any finds they unearth.

The 90-minute tours take place from 2pm on Saturday and Sunday, September 20 and 21, and cost £2.50 per person, in addition to normal fort admission prices.

Numbers are limited to 30 on each tour, so it is advisable to pre-book by calling 01304 612013.

The fort is open daily from 10am-6pm until September 30. Admission is £4.20 for adults, £3.40 concessions, £2.10 for children and £10.50 for a family ticket. Entry is free for English Heritage members. For more information, visit www.english-heritage.org.uk.

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Rapist snared by 'cold case' DNA experts



MERCILESS: Kelvin Bennett has been jailed for 12 years

A CUSTOMS officer has been jailed for 12 years for the kidnap and repeated rape of a young mother eight years ago in Folkestone.

Kelvin Bennett, 45, is the first person to be snared by a team set up by Kent Police to investigate previously unsolved crimes.

Bennett's attack on December 9, 2000, went unpunished at the time because his DNA was not on the national database, but the case remained on file and he was eventually caught when arrested last year for an unrelated domestic incident.

Sentencing Bennett at Maidstone Crown Court on Wednesday, Judge Philip Statman said the attack on the 21-year-old "illustrated every woman's worst fear".

He added: "You forced your victim into your car in the early hours in a quiet street and drove her into the countryside, where on three separate occasions you stopped your vehicle and raped her."

"She feared for her life. She begged you to let her go. She pleaded with you that she had a young child who needed a mother, and

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you showed her absolutely no mercy. You illustrated by your conduct the control you had over her, and then you dumped her in a lane and drove off.

"You must have thought as the years went by that you had escaped justice and, but for the re-evaluation of this case by the county's cold case unit, you would have done so."

Bennett was found guilty of three counts of rape and one of kidnap, after a week-long trial.

Bennett's victim, who cannot be named for legal reasons, had wept from behind a screen as she described how she walked home from watching a Sex Pistols tribute band at her local pub with friends.

The jury heard how the woman, now 29, was attacked after pausing briefly to make a phone call to her boyfriend. Shortly afterwards she was grabbed by Bennett. She screamed so loudly that it alerted two neighbours – at about 2.30am – who came out onto the dimly lit street.

But she was driven off before residents

could investigate. She described how she was taken to secluded areas before being raped three times. During his defence, Bennett was described as a "ladies' man", who had sex with lots of women.

Judge Statman told Bennett at the sentencing: "I saw your victim give her evidence and the impact your crime had upon her. She relived the ordeal of that terrible night."

"While you were forced to accept by DNA findings that you had intercourse with her, you remain in denial."

Judge Statman praised the work of the cold case unit that was formed in April to re-investigate unsolved murders and rapes from the 1960s onwards.

After the sentencing, Det Chief Insp David Withers said: "Bennett must have thought he had got away with it."

"However, the latest DNA technology, coupled with the commitment and expertise of the Forensic Science Service and my team, proved to be his undoing."

DCI Withers said the unit was investigating a further seven unsolved crimes.

Bennett, from Birmingham, but who lived in Dover at the time of the rapes, will be eligible for parole in six years.

Responders can answer the call

THE ambulance service is looking for volunteers to be trained to deal with medical emergencies.

South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Trust's community responder scheme is holding a recruitment drive at Staplehurst Health Centre at 7.45pm on Wednesday, September 17.

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From wildest dreams to wishes

By **MURRAY EVANS**

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DENIS Spiller's official target was £24,000, his hope was for a few thousand more and the final total looks like being about £60,000.

When he became district governor for Rotary in Kent and East Sussex, Mr Spiller challenged the presidents of all his 83 clubs to raise a minimum of £250 each to be donated to his nominated charity, the Make A Wish Foundation, which grants wishes to children and young people fighting life-threatening illnesses.

He urged them to undertake an activity or venture they had always wanted to tackle but had never got round to. The results were impressive – not only for the amounts raised, but for the variety of challenges chosen.

Tenterden Rotary president David Hynard raised more than £4,000 with a sponsored parachute jump. Not only did he need to steel himself for the jump, but he had to lose one and a half stone in weight before airfield managers would allow him to make the attempt.

Maidstone Riverside president Richard Ratcliffe fulfilled a long-held wish to "demolish something". He used both hi-tech equipment and an old-fashioned sledge hammer to knock over a chunk of wall at the former Maidstone Ophthalmic Hospital.

Brian Whitehead, of Ramsgate Rotary, aimed for the stars and set himself the task of meeting celebrities from ten categories, includ-



FALL GUY: David Hynard, above
GOTCHA: Brian Whitehead, left,
with "victim" Sir David Frost



ing sportsmen, actors, TV personalities and politicians. And he had a photograph taken with each of his "victims" to prove his success.

A book signing by Lewis Hamilton was an early success, queuing with more than 500 motor racing fans on a cold, wet day.

A phone call alerted him that DIY SOS was



HAMMERING IT OUT:
Richard Ratcliffe



SAILING BY: Ruth Portway with the medical team aboard the Saga Ruby



EASY RIDER: Colin Ullmann-Jones

in town and a visit to the venue receiving the make-over brought Brian his celebrity picture with presenter Nick Knowles.

Other captures included actors Linda Gray (Dallas) and Roger Lloyd Pack (Only Fools and Horses), Sri Lankan Test cricketer Muttiah Muralitharan, together with a Cabinet minister and member of the House of Lords.

Edenbridge president Colin Ullmann-Jones braved wind and rain as he completed a cycle ride to all 11 clubs in the south western division of the Rotary district.

This meant taking in clubs as far afield as Uckfield, Crowborough, Westerham and Biggin Hill – a total distance of 70 miles – raising £365 in the process. The club also arranged a dinner dance in January, which raised a further £2,500.

Ruth Portway, president of Rochester Rotary, wanted to "learn something new and have a different experience".

She is a nursing sister with an out-of-hours medical service and a relief medical officer on the square rigger ships of the Jubilee Sailing Trust. Her ambition was to work on a cruise ship and she approached Saga, which agreed she could join the crew of the Saga Ruby at

Malaga and sail back to Southampton. She assisted with clinics, visited passengers in their cabins and escorted on-shore excursions.

Thanet president David Randall persuaded some members to follow his lead and give up smoking. They saved themselves a packet and raised £1,500 for the cause.

Other events included a music hall, art show, golf days, fun day at Leeds Castle and an abseil by Eastbourne president Bob Hamblyn which raised a further £7,000.

Mr Spiller said he was "absolutely delighted" with the outcome of his challenge, which he issued in July 2007.

"I was not surprised our presidents would be inventive with their challenges, but never in my wildest dreams did I anticipate they would be so successful. I am grateful to them all."

Presidents had a year to fulfil their ambitions, so funds are still trickling in. However, the cash raised so far will be handed over to Make A Wish representatives at a dinner next Saturday at Salomons, Southborough, near Tunbridge Wells.

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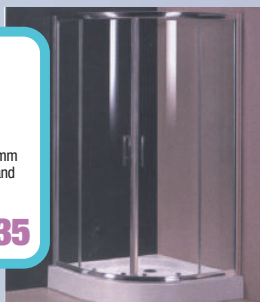
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Teachers should talk to parents if they suspect dyslexia says education chief

My mission for children

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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TEACHERS who spot dyslexic tendencies in children should interview their parents to see if they have the learning difficulty, a leading politician has said.

Cllr Mark Dance, Kent County Council's cabinet member for education, has made it his personal mission to improve services for dyslexic young people since he was elected 11 years ago.

He told how during a visit to the Vanderbilt Kennedy Center in Nashville – which he stressed was not paid for by KCC – an expert on the learning disability said they recognised dyslexia in a child by interviewing their parents because the condition is thought to be hereditary. The department, which researches human development, said the method worked in 90 per cent of cases.

"There is a message for parents – if they feel they have problems with words, own up to it," he said. "Discuss it with your partner, look at the child and whether they have difficulties in reading and the written word and talk to their teacher."

Cllr Dance, who has mild dyslexia himself, said both his sons and their mother also had the condition.

He said every effort should be made in schools to discover the learning difficulty in children as early as possible so that the

right learning strategies could be put in place to help the young people succeed academically and socially.

Sue Flohr, helpline and policy manager for the British Dyslexia Association (BDA), agreed that interviewing parents to try to get an early diagnosis in young children could prove useful.

"It would be helpful as it is still not proven that it is hereditary," she said. "We are campaigning for early intervention. The earlier it is identified the better but we also need to make sure all teachers are trained to identify it and to be able to deal with it once it's diagnosed. And that is still a very big problem."



IT'S PERSONAL:
Cllr Mark Dance

Dyslexia Action, a national charity that provides services and support, defines the learning difficulty as one that mainly affects reading and spelling and which is characterised by difficulties processing word-sounds and weaknesses in short-term verbal memory.

It is not related to intelligence, race or social background, varies in its severity and often occurs alongside other learning difficulties such as dyspraxia, which can affect movement and co-ordination, and attention deficit disorder.

Cllr Dance said: "Before becoming a county councillor I was going through issues with my lads where they both had dyslexia to a greater or lesser degree."

"My position on the council made me more determined that we had a strategy in place and I convinced the educationalists here that this is something we needed to be sorted," he said.

He had to pay for his children to get the

right help. Both his sons ended up performing well in their GCSEs, with one achieving a B in English and the other a C.

"So I know that the strategies work, but it was certainly not for all Kent children at the time," Cllr Dance said.

KCC has had a dyslexia policy since 2005, and Cllr Dance said teachers and teaching

assistants had been told what to look out for and what to do if the signs were spotted.

Children's and young people's services departments at local authorities can apply to be part of the BDA's Quality Mark scheme, which recognises schools that are employing appropriate teaching methods and where all environments are dyslexia-friendly.

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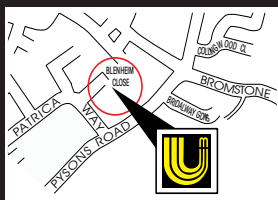
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Parts of Ashford have been made into a shared space area to tackle a historic problem caused by the old ring road. The road in its previous layout had cut people off from the town centre and the fast moving traffic was intimidating for pedestrians, so the town centre had become very inaccessible. The new shared space, along with the new road layout, is opening up the town again.

If you're interested to know more about the new area in Ashford, or just shared space in general, Ben Hamilton-Baillie, one of the key thinkers and gurus on the subject, is coming to Ashford to give a public talk on Thursday 11th September, in St Mary's Parish Church in the town centre at 6pm.

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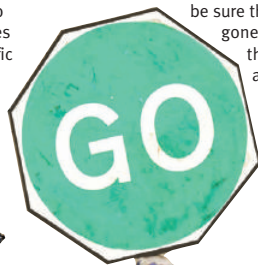
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Travel Update

Below are roadworks and events that may cause some disruptions. Please remember that these are planned works and other emergency works may be required.



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Ashford	current	10.9.08	A28 Silver Hill, Tenterden	Temporary traffic lights – new gas mains
Thanet	current	22.9.08	Spratling Street, Ramsgate	Temporary traffic lights – carriageway works
Shepway	current	28.11.08	Cheriton High Street, Folkestone	Temporary traffic lights – new gas mains
Gravesend	8.9.08	14.9.08	Luddesdown Road, Luddesdown	Road closure – carriageway works
Sevenoaks	8.9.08	16.9.08	Botson Lane, West Kingsdown	Road closure – energy supply works

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Asbestos widow's plight

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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A WOMAN who lost two partners to a cancer caused by asbestos says the deaths have left her suffering from depression and even suicidal thoughts.

Avril Gooding-Grant, 51, from Hoo, lost her husband Chris to the industrial disease in 2001, and then her new fiancé Les Alford five years later.

She said: "Losing one person to cancer was bad enough, but losing two was just horrendous. I'm penniless now. Les was earning about £600 a week and I only had a part-time job before he died.

"Since his death I've had to stop work because I'm suffering from depression and I even tried to commit suicide last year. I've just lost the will to do anything."

Mr Grant came into contact with the killer dust when working as an electrician more than 40 years ago, and Mr Alford was a lorry driver and mechanic for 30 years.

Mrs Gooding-Grant received £40,000 in compensation after Mr Grant's death, but says that money has almost run out. She is due to find out this month if she will be awarded any compensation for Mr Alford's death, because there have been arguments as to when he might have come into contact with asbestos.

The cancer mesothelioma can lie dormant for many years after somebody is exposed to asbestos, before developing suddenly and killing its victim in months.

Mrs Gooding-Grant was responding to a story in New Statesman magazine that suggests the asbestos industry lied to workers for years about the true dangers they would face. According to the report, there are almost a million documents on file that prove the link between asbestos and the deadly mesothelioma disease had been known for decades before the public was finally made aware.

Mrs Gooding-Grant said: "I hold the asbestos manufacturers 1,000 per cent accountable for the deaths of Chris and Les. Why the hell should I have to suffer when there were people who knew full well what damage it could cause? They were completely ignorant and clearly didn't give a damn."

There are more than 70 new cases of the cancer every year in Kent, with doctors predicting that the number will double by 2015.

The New Statesman report says there are nearly a million asbestos-related microfilm documents in the office of the Manchester Metropolitan University Business School academic Geoffrey Tweedale.

They prove, the magazine claims, that the former Turner & Newall manufacturing giant knew the dangers asbestos posed, and that it used public relations firms and politicians to keep it a secret.

According to the publication, the files first refer to asbestos cancer in Rochdale in the 1930s. However, solicitor Paul Meehan of the Kent Asbestos Forum described the report as "old news". "The fact so many asbestos-related cases against employers succeed is because we can prove the industry flouted the health and safety laws of the time," he said.



DOUBLE TRAGEDY: Avril Gooding-Grant lost her husband Chris (left) in 2001 and her fiancé Les Alford five years later

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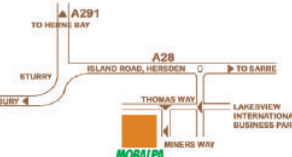
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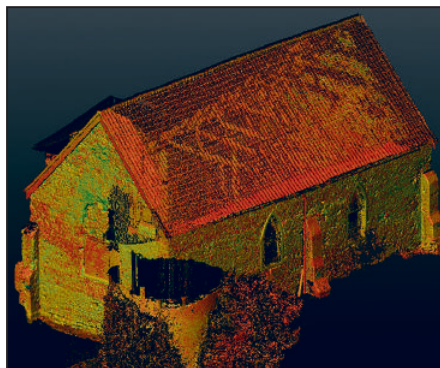
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Lasers to rescue of ancient church



By **MICHAEL SIMS**
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LATEST laser scanning technology has helped revive a medieval church in Bromley.

A grant of £28,000 from English Heritage has enabled St Botolph's Church at Ruxley to be repaired and restored, and it could soon reopen its doors to the public.

Last year the church was scanned with lasers to produce a three-dimensional digital model of the structure.

This enabled architects to accurately analyse the condition of the whole church and see exactly where essential work was needed. The repairs have stabilised the building, which was, in part, at risk of collapse.

James Evans, from Ruxley Manor Garden

Centre, which owns the church, is delighted with the work.

He said: "This is an important landmark and we hope we will soon be able to reopen it to the public so they can enjoy not only its impressive exterior but also its fantastic interior."

"As custodians of this ancient building we are very pleased it has been repaired and hope its future is now on its way to being secured."

The Grade-II listed building, known as Ruxley Old Church, dates to the 14th century.

The building was used from the 17th century as a barn, with an east end in the 19th century.

The restoration would not have been possible without the financial support the church received.



OLD CHURCH, NEW TECH: St Botolph's has been repaired with the help of sophisticated scans (left)

Elizabeth Whitbourn, from English Heritage, said: "We are delighted to be able to help in the restoration of this medieval gem."

"It has survived in numerous forms for more than 600 years and a structure on this site is mentioned in the Domesday Book."

"Laser technology has been hugely important in helping to assess and record the building and, ultimately, identify where repair need was greatest."

The recent repairs come after several years of concerns for the church's condition. Monitoring by English Heritage identified structural problems and leaking gutters and pipes.

In December, 2006, emergency repairs had to be carried out to prevent the northwest corner and buttress collapsing.

Since then, work has been carried out to stabilise the buttresses and rebuild part of the wall base.

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Police make smart move

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Pioneers helped to found US

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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THE Sackett family from Thanet were among the first colonists of America – arriving to make their mark in the New World only a decade after the pilgrims first set sail in the Mayflower.

Thomas Smith, whose paternal grandmother was a Sackett, has been researching his family history for nine years, discovering that his ancestors played an active role in shaping what was to become the United States of America – from building infrastructure to aiding fleeing black slaves.

He said: "The journey of my Sackett family from Thanet to the new colony of Massachusetts and throughout New England, New York and Pennsylvania, tells the story of America.

"They have spread to her furthest borders, and been her farmers, doctors, lawyers, merchants, warriors and legislators. They embody the spirit, adventure and freedom and hard work that made America the leader among nations that it is today.

"Each may not have achieved their personal dreams, but together their accomplishments have become what is the 'American Dream'."

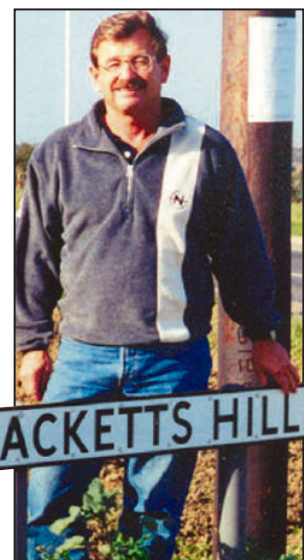


ANCESTOR: Mr Smith's great-grandfather William W Sackett (1836-1915)

Mr Smith, who lives in Clinton, Connecticut, is among more than 30 members of the family from America who are heading for Thanet for a reunion this month.

In 1630, Simon Sackett left the village of St Peter's, with his wife Isabel and their young son Simon and arrived as the first settlers in Newtown, now Cambridge in Massachusetts.

Mr Smith, 64, said he has often speculated why the family chose to embark on such an arduous and uncertain journey into the unknown.



BACK HOME: Thomas Smith in Sacketts Hill, St Peter's, Thanet

There was strong reason, he said, to believe his ancestor left as part of a larger group seeking religious freedom and also for financial reasons because he was not the firstborn son and could expect little in the way of inheritance.

By the 1700s Mr Smith's ancestors had become great landowners and at one time Joseph Sackett, a judge who was active in the church and town affairs, owned 6,000 acres in the area of New Windsor, New York.

Along with his brother-in-law he ran a freight and passenger ferry service up the Hudson River into New York City. During the American War of Independence, when the 13 British colonies rebelled against rule from London, the service was used to transport troops to join General George Washington in Boston.

The Sackett Family Association, which researches and records historical and genealogical data on Sackett descendants worldwide, provides quarterly newsletters for its members and also holds regular reunions.

Arabella Sackett, who lives in London, is organising this year's reunion in Ramsgate, which is being held from September 17-21. For more information visit www.sackettfamilyinfo.

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Health experts call the tune

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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HEALTH bosses will be urged to provide "singing on prescription" by a conference in Kent.

Experts on music and health from around the world will present evidence that singing can have a profound effect on patients' wellbeing.

The event, Music and Health: Current Developments in Research and Practice, will be held at the Sidney De Haan Research Centre of Arts and Health at the University Centre in Folkestone.

Co-director Professor Stephen Clift, who has been leading a three-year project, said research had included evaluating the benefits of 40 singing clubs for older people across the county run by Folkestone-based charity Sing For Your Life.

Members of the clubs include elderly people with dementia and Alzheimer's.

"The conference is a way to flag up the idea and say more of these should be available for people to join," he said.

"It is about encouraging health professionals to see the value music has. We would like to see the NHS invest in this. It would not cost huge amounts; it is about raising awareness and creating a structure.

Potential power

"We want people in healthcare to be more aware of the potential power of music to be beneficial for wellbeing and health."

Prof Gene Cohen, of the Centre of Ageing, Health and Humanities at George Washington University in Washington DC, USA, is the keynote speaker.

He will seek to prove the positive impact of singing in later life at the two-day conference, which starts on Tuesday.

"An active engagement with music can be good for an older person's overall physical and mental health," he said.

"I will focus on the effects of singing on the mind and the immune system, and how music and art can have positive influences on the course of illness."

It is believed music can be used to support our ageing population, including those suffering from dementia, people with brain injuries and mental health patients.

Prof Clift said: "We will be launching a report which reviews all the available evidence, which is fairly limited because the area has only recently attracted interest."

"Nevertheless, a number of them do seem to show that if people are involved in music it can be very beneficial."

He said the main effect of music and taking part in singing groups was psychological, making people feel good, relaxed and increasing their sense of wellbeing.

Music conference to advise 'singing on prescription'

Physically, singing can be seen as a moderate form of aerobic exercise and has particularly benefited people with breathing difficulties, such as asthma, because it gives the lungs such a good workout, he said.

"It is quite clear that elderly people benefit. It can combat depression and social isolation. In terms of dementia, it is well known that the capacity to engage with music is something that can remain unaffected by dementia, even when people's memory is compromised and they have lost the ability to communicate through language."

"I used to run one of these singing clubs in a care home. One lady could scarcely speak because her dementia was so severe, but she was perfectly capable of taking part in the singing group's activity and used to conduct the choir," Prof Clift said.

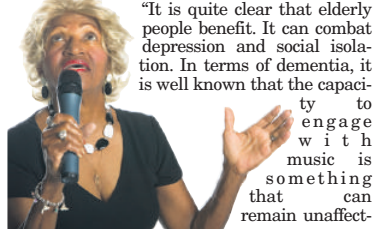
The county's NHS organisations are already beginning to take heed of the research and an occupational therapist for the Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust has started a singing club at a centre for people with mental health problems in Canterbury.

Ann Sutton, chief executive of the Eastern

and Coastal Kent Primary Care Trust, said: "I believe singing for health brings huge benefits to certain people."

"Last spring, the PCT held a health and wellbeing event in Folkestone. A singing workshop engaged participants for a fun-filled half hour that made everyone feel great afterwards. I have never seen such a gathering of smiling faces."

The conference, which is the first of its kind in the country, has been organised by the research centre, which is part of Canterbury Christ Church University, and the Royal Society for Public Health.



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Thinking inside our iconic box

AN ADOPTION policy from BT could save scores of Kent's classic red telephone boxes.

The telcoms giant plans to dispose of thousands of its unprofitable payphones throughout the country, but is allowing district, parish and county councils to apply to keep the K6 Jubilee kiosks for just £1.

However, the equipment inside will be removed unless taxpayers' money is used to foot a £500-per-year bill.

A BT spokesman said: "During consultations a number of suggestions were voiced by local people and local government.

"We have listened to these and can confirm local authorities that wish to maintain red boxes – minus the telephone equipment – for aesthetic or heritage reasons will be able to do so.

"In addition, local authorities that have requested to contribute to maintenance costs to retain a red kiosk with a working telephone will also be accommodated."

Jubilee fan Graham Wanstall has been fighting to save K6s for 20 years and has succeeded in getting 12 Kent kiosks listed by English Heritage.

He welcomed the decision by BT but said he was unsure if it would make a difference.

Mr Wanstall, from Dover, said: "They've given our councils two options but what worries me is that many won't bother with either. Most I've found to be indifferent.

"If a telephone box has been in a village for 60 years it is part of its heritage and needs to be saved. They are British icons."

This year Mr Wanstall helped bring to

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public attention the proposed closure of the kiosk outside Whitstable Castle, among others. BT places notices inside the booths it wants to shut but because few people use them they are often unaware of the plans until it is too late.

However, Mr Wanstall said no such warning has been placed inside an iconic box at Folkestone harbour that is also under threat.

He said: "It's been there 70 years and there are very few left at harbours but if there are other phone boxes within 400 metres BT does not have to consult.

"I'm not sure the others are that close but if it has to go I will be asking BT to allow Folkestone council to take it over."

Another man who would be sorry to see the kiosk go is local artist Shane Record, who has paintings of it at his gallery in The Old High Street.

He said: "I could tell you so many stories of people who have come in and reminisced of times when they have used that phone box.

"The problem is it just doesn't get used much, but I would adopt it for £1."

A Shepway council official said BT had offered five red telephone boxes for adoption, but the council had not yet decided if it should accept the offer.

She added: "Even if the boxes were not connected and simply retained as a local feature, there would be a financial commitment in maintaining and repairing them.



RED DAWN: Shane Record's painting, 'Phone Box on The Stade at Dawn', shows the Folkestone Harbour kiosk

"We will be contacting local town and parish councils about BT's adoption scheme because they might want to be involved."

The deadline for all councils to register their interest is October 1.

Meanwhile, Tonbridge and Malling council has written to telecoms regulator Ofcom asking to be reimbursed for the cost of a consultation process on the proposed closure of 18 payphones in the borough.

The exercise is estimated to have cost taxpayers £1,050 in staff time alone.

Cabinet member for community development Cllr Nicolas Heslop said: "When we considered our own response to BT's proposals, we also came to the conclusion our residents are being taken for a ride here.

"BT is a commercial organisation, yet the cost falls on local taxpayers. We believe there is a principle here and feel very strongly either BT or Ofcom should fund the exercise, not residents."

Any volunteers?

TIME is running out to send in nominations for the Kent Volunteers Awards.

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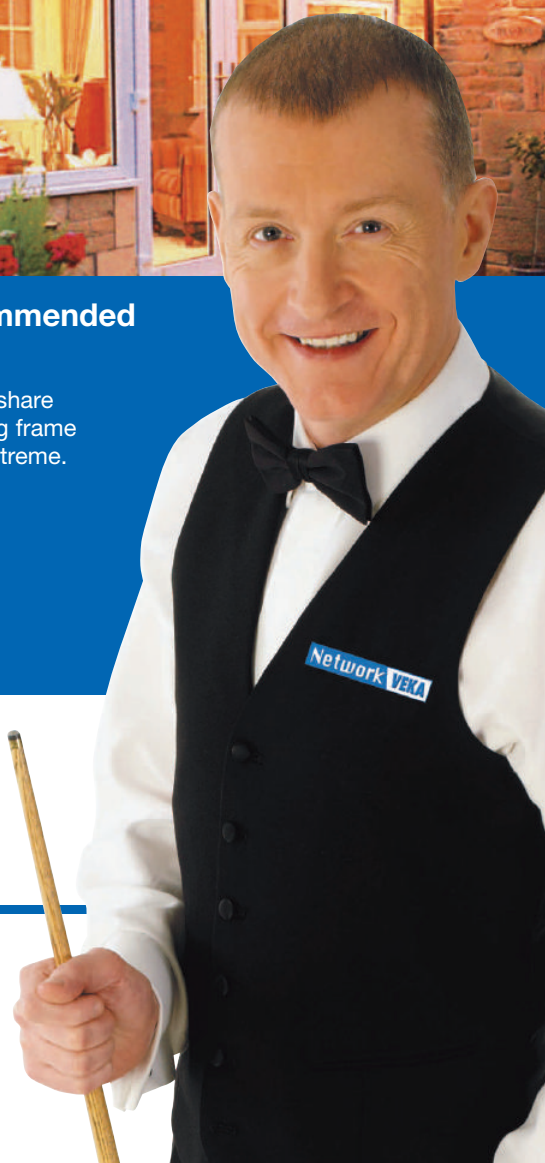


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Floral prints too appear in an autumnal colour palette throughout the collection. The rich flame and black floral printed skirt and top combination, as well as the cranberry and black leaf burn out collection, is bold and dramatic while the contrasting floral metallic devore is a contemporary and sophisticated choice. Delicate butterflies

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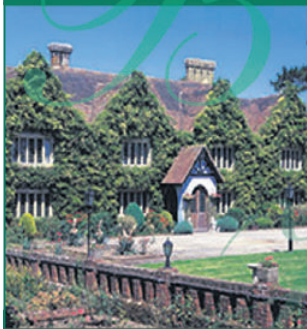
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Ambassador role of Olympics hero

BELJING Olympics gold medal winner Jamie Staff is to be a sporting ambassador for the borough he grew up in.

The cycling star, who used to be a member of Ashford Wheelers, is now an ambassador for Active Ashford, the borough's Sports Partnership Network.

He joins other ambassadors who all share a link to Ashford: runner Lisa Dobriskey, cricketer James Tredwell, golfer Danielle Masters, athlete Candy Hawkins, swimmer Nick Boylan, sailor Mike Cogswell and ex-footballer Ian Wright.

Since becoming world BMX champion in 1996, Staff has an impressive list of honours and medals to his name, culminating in the world record sprint time set by the British trio at Beijing last month, where he recorded the fastest ever first lap in a team sprint.



THIS photograph of harvesting near Ashford was taken on August 11 by Val Butcher, who lives in the town.

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Yobs ruin pledge on vandalism

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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A SPEECH on vandalism at Dartford FC was interrupted by a security guard's revelation that six vehicles had been damaged in the car park.

Borough council leader Cllr Jeremy Kite was left red-faced by the news, which he received at the club's Princes Park ground as he spoke to members of the Dartford and district 41 Club, which is affiliated to the Round Table, about how vandalism was being successfully tackled in the borough.

He said: "It wasn't my finest hour and it was typical that we were told in the middle of my speech, but you have to look at things like this over a period of time."

"I've given the same talk many times because vandalism in the borough is on the decline, and nothing has happened on those occasions."

"I am not embarrassed because I wasn't responsible for it. I'm more concerned about how we can deal with it in the future. There are some people who have a violent mind, and when things don't go their way their first reaction is to lash out."

The vandalised cars suffered only minor damage, including scratches and broken wing mirrors.

Mike Tibby, chairman of Dartford English Democrats, was among those who attended the meeting, which included a tour of the ground.

He said Cllr Kite was not originally due to speak but that he stepped in for a council officer who called in sick.

Mr Tibby added: "There we were listening to the leader of the council telling us what a good job was being done to reduce vandalism and graffiti, and then that happened. You couldn't make it up."

"I think Cllr Kite will openly admit he loves to promote himself, so this was quite comical. I was shocked at first and felt sorry for my friend who had his car vandalised, but afterwards we could see the funny side of it because of what we had been listening to earlier."

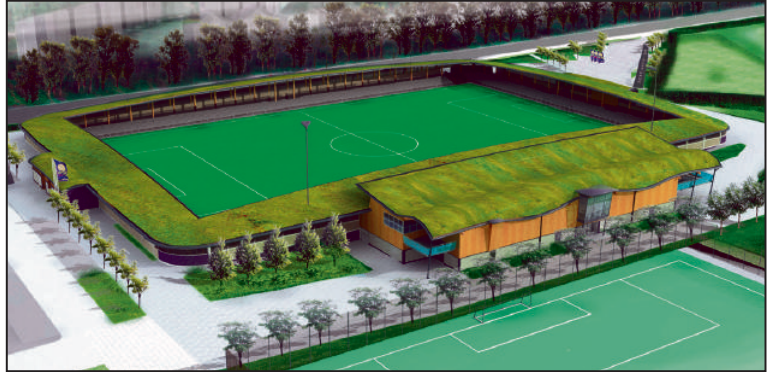
Dartford have played home games at Princes Park since November, 2006. Financial problems forced the club to sell its Watling Street venue in 1992 and ground-shares with Thurrock and Gravesend followed until the council agreed to fund a new stadium in 2004.

Cllr Kite was a strong ally in the club's fight for Princes Park, and said the community was now feeling the benefits of the development.

He said: "We tried to make it an open community area so people would feel welcome to come along and enjoy what the ground has to offer. In fact you would have thought there would be more vandalism because it is so open."



KICK OFF: Speech on vandalism by council leader Jeremy Kite marred by wreckers at Princes Park (above right)



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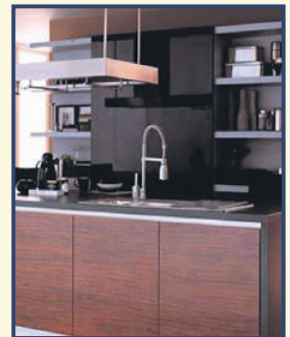
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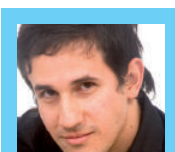
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MEN FOR WOMEN

DOWN-TO-EARTH loveable guy, 30, 5ft8, stocky build, hazel/blue eyes, likes the finer things in life, going out, eating in, pubs, WLTW genuine girl for LTR. Box 441947 TTX

HELLO, I'm a single dad, 32, blue-green eyes, short mousey hair, GSOH, happy, easygoing, good-looking! Seeking slim, attractive female, possibly Miss Right! E Sussex. Box 437057 TTX

I'M 35, 6ft, have a beautiful 3yr old little girl, very honest, caring, looking for someone I can love and make a new life with... Box 896178 TTX

LEE, driver, 36yr old, 6ft3, dark hair, like pubs, clubs, wine bars, places of interest, sports and reading. WLTW a woman for friendship and romance. Box 889720 TTX

HONEST, kind, caring male, 37, blond, 6ft, enjoys walks, cinema, nights in/out, family life, WLTW like-minded, genuine female. Sarah, please call again, leave contact details! Box 430440 TTX

I'M 38, 5ft11, average build, like pubs, restaurants, cinema, quiet nights in with choice and DVDs, seeking kind, happy female with GSOH, for honest relationship. Box 442056 TTX

DOWN-TO-EARTH, loyal guy, 36, looking for companionship, leading to a long-term relationship. Enjoys meeting good company, conversation, cosy evenings in. Box 914917 TTX

HI I'm 40, down to earth, reliable, honest, like keeping fit, going out, meals out, watching movies, seeking similar lady for lasting love & happiness. Box 889495 TTX

OUTGOING young-minded male, 40, likes swimming, the gym, war games, books, cinema, castles, POI, seeking similar woman to boogie on the dancefloor with. Box 443670 TTX

MUSCULAR male, 42, 5ft8, enjoys many interests, looking for that special lady 25-50, looks unimpaired, to love & take care of. Sussex. Box 443460 TTX

ATTRACTIVE, gregarious, fun-loving non-smoker, 63, slim, 5ft4, active, loves walks, the countryside, POI, animals; seeking similar male, caring, tactile, GSOH, to be my soulmate. Box 443644 TTX

WIDOW, early 60s, 5ft4, dark hair/eyes, medium build, NS, loving, caring, no lies, enjoys travelling, socialising, eating in/out, seeking similar male to enjoy life with. Box 441177 TTX

GENUINE lady, 65yr old, 5ft4, enjoys walking, gardening and eating out, lots of life to give, WLTW a sincere gentleman for a LTR. Box 442065 TTX

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Groove armada set for battle

By **MICHAEL SIMS**
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Farming's finest to compete for ploughing title

BRITAIN'S top ploughmen will be flocking to Kent for only the second time in 58 years this autumn.

More than 15,000 visitors from across the UK are expected to attend the 2008 British National Ploughing Championships being held at Marden, near Tonbridge, on October 11-12.

Around 150 top ploughmen from across Britain will be battling it out to become national champions, and the winners will represent the country at the 2009 World Ploughing Contest in Slovenia.

The two-day championships were last held in Kent near Leeds Castle in 1997. Its return will see various competitions take place, from the graceful horse ploughing of bygone years to today's sophisticated tractors.

The Society of Ploughmen, who are organising the event, expect a crowd 10 times the size of Marden's population to head to the 200-acre site,



which is owned by Pat Burke and his family.

Mr Burke's extensive fields are an ideal location for the event, and guests will be able to park for free.

Visitors will be able to watch the highly skilled contests, which include the British Vintage Champion Ploughman competition on the second day.

One of the major family attractions will be the horse ploughing, which will feature 'work-horses' decked out with ornate brass and leather harnesses and competing in ploughing contests.

Other attractions include vintage tractors and ploughs, a craft marquee with a wide variety of stands, and working demonstrations of the latest tractor models.

Already many local and national companies are supporting the championships by demonstrating, exhibiting and through sponsorship.

Ken Chappell, executive director of the Society, said: "Already the championships have attracted lots of attention and we are looking forward to a first-class event."

"Clearly the decision to bring the event back to Kent was a good one. Pat Burke and his family have provided a superb site and the event will be a great day out for all the family."

The site is located to the east of the B2079 road, just south of Marden (off the A229 Maidstone road). The Championships will be signposted from all major routes.



OLD AND NEW: Competitors will use traditional methods (top) and high-tech tractors (above)

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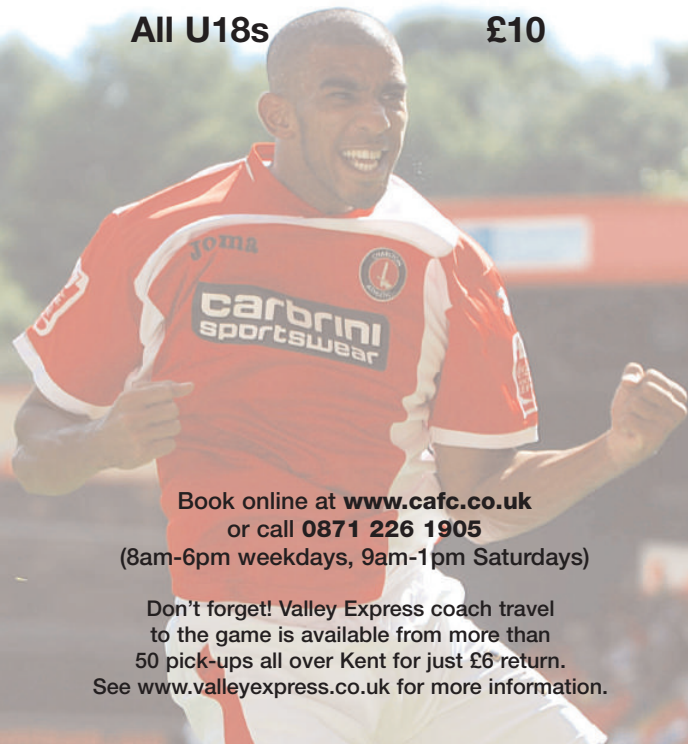
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BRUSH STROKES: Rita Hudd has only recently started drawing again after her illness

MS can't stop me says Rita

Painter set for charity exhibition

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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AN ARTIST whose hobby was derailed by multiple sclerosis is exhibiting some of her earlier work to raise money for the MS Society.

Rita Hudd, 60, from Ramsgate, has only recently started drawing again after being

diagnosed with the debilitating neurological condition in the late 1990s.

While she feels her current work is not yet at

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Holocaust family inspire puppeteer

THE art of puppetry will be used to explore photographic staples of happy family holidays, family histories and the even Holocaust in a performance at a seaside resort.

Estelle Rosenfeld's show *Ida and Isaac's Shelter* will take place at the end of the Folkestone Triennial, which has seen specially commissioned contemporary art displayed in public spaces around the town since June.

The 30-year-old puppeteer, who is originally from Paris but now lives in Canterbury, said she has always been interested in the boundaries between dolls and puppets, and has experimented with animating soft toys, dolls and Playmobils.

She said: "I am focusing on the fact both [dolls and puppets] are objects representing human figures, and I would like to explore the situations in which human beings become objects."

"They are also linked with childhood and childhood games."

"Children can treat them with either tenderness or cruelty, moving from stroking their hair to pulling off their heads."

"I am interested in using this as an analogy for the torturer-victim relationship."

Her work was inspired by an old photograph she found in her Paris studio.

After asking her father about its origins she found it was of his father's family and taken at Berck-Plage, a then fashionable seaside resort in northern France, in around 1930.



PERFORMANCE: Estelle Rosenfeld

"He pointed in turn to three of the six figures in the photo saying 'deported, deported, deported'."

"Deportation is one of those situations when humans become objects, by being forcibly removed, their will and their liberty denied."

Ms Rosenfeld said she took the photo-

graph of her own family and their history as a starting point to explore things that happen when people are stripped of their humanity and become objects – deportation, imprisonment, torture and murder.

The show will see viewers enter a beach hut one by one to watch the 28 inch tall rod puppets of *Ida and Isaac* come to life and interact with the spectator.

In real life the couple, who are on the right of the photograph, were deported to Majdanek, a concentration camp in Poland in 1942 where the Nazis killed them because they were in their 40s and considered too old to work.

An estimated 1.5 million inmates were killed at the death camp. The other man in the photograph to be deported was taken to the same camp but it is unknown what happened to him, Ms Rosenfeld said.



TRAGEDY: French family from Holocaust

Her great grandparents survived the war by hiding out in their Paris apartment and her grandfather, who was in the French Army, was a prisoner of war in Austria but returned home.

Ms Rosenfeld's performance is set to take place on September 13 and 14 at 5pm and is being held at 58 Saxonshore Way near the Mermaid Café on the way to Sandgate.

exhibition standard, Mrs Hudd is hopeful earlier sketches will prove popular when they go on sale at the Horsebridge Arts and Community Centre, Whitstable, from September 10-23.

She said: "I turned to art after my children had grown up, and I did quite a few pictures using the pastille painting technique. I've had an interest in drawing since I was at school."

"But in about 1995 I started finding it difficult to hold a pencil and I couldn't see properly. I had double vision and it was all part of MS, so I gave up drawing."

"MS affects you in so many different, horrible ways. You can't hold a toothbrush, you can't cut up food and sometimes you can't even put the food in your mouth."

"You just have to carry on and do what you can, and I'm getting by. Thankfully I can still see and – touch wood – it will stay that way."

As well as Mrs Hudd's drawings, the exhibition will also feature artwork by her partner and carer Bob Fludgate and their friend Trish Going.

Mr Fludgate's paintings are described as a "celebration of light" while Mrs Going's work consists of seashore paintings and still lifes.

Mrs Hudd, whose pictures are mostly tongue-in-cheek illustrations of everyday events, says she did not plan to return to her hobby after more than 10 years away from it.

She will donate at least 10 per cent of the exhibition's profits to the Thanet branch of the MS Society.

She said: "They've helped me a lot and will be taking me and some of my artwork to Whitstable in their ambulance."

"They help their members buy equipment like mobility scooters and furniture for their



PAINTING PALS: Works by Bob Fludgate (top) and Trish Going (above) will also be on display

homes, and they really do an excellent job."

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COMMENT

Stormy weather

MUCH like the gloomy weather front that has hung over the county all summer and shows no sign of letting up, predictions for the economy are bleak.

Kent as a whole has seen an increase in the number of homeowners at risk of losing their homes since last year, with affluent Tunbridge Wells hardest hit – showing people of all incomes are being stung by the economic slump.

Estate agents fear the worst is yet to come and that the number of homes being reposessed, which rose 49 per cent nationally recently, would continue to grow as the credit crunch tightens its hold on us all and squeezes the life out of the property market.

There can be few worse things in life for people, especially families, than the prospect of losing their homes.

Alastair Darling, the Chancellor, believes current economic woes are “arguably” the worst in 60 years.

Much like this week's heavy rain, the blows of the credit crunch seem relentless.

However, while it is unlikely anyone will escape the economic downturn completely unscathed, Kent could fare better than most places.

Both Ashford and Maidstone bucked the trend with less homeowners facing repossession than last year. And as a whole, fewer property owners in Kent are at risk of losing their homes than in any other county.

A taste of success

THERE'S good news for Kent foodies with three new restaurants featuring in the Good Food Guide 2009.

And produce sourced from the Garden of England seems to have been key to their success, which is good news for both the environment and local farmers.

OPINION:

Road to the White House

SIR ROBERT WORCESTER says the US presidential election is too close to call, but it's been a fascinating contest so far



NEVER in my nearly 40 years in this, my adopted country, have I known any election – British or otherwise – to generate as much interest as the US presidential contest has this year.

At the outset it was clear new ground would be broken. Either a black candidate would be nominated by the Democrats – a first – or a woman – another first.

And the Republicans this week anointed the oldest candidate ever at 72.

A wise man (for a politician) taught me many years ago that “a week is a long time in politics”. Think of it – the US election has been going on since the beginning of the year, eight months now, and the ‘official’ election starts tomorrow. It ends in two months’ time, on November 4. Are the candidates up for it? Heavens, are we?

I've lost count of how many people have said they've never followed an election as closely.

Or been as well served by the media, for all the print and broadcast outlets have had their best reporters and commentators covering the campaigns, the conventions, and the ins and outs of the candidates' fortunes.

At the Democratic convention it was “will she or won't she” and Hillary Clinton certainly did – enthusiastically endorsing Barack Obama in Denver. This week the Republicans have faced

their own hurricane with John McCain's announcement that a 44-year-old Alaskan would be his running mate, Sarah Palin.

She's pro-gun and anti-abortion, a life member of the National Rifle Association, a religious evangelist and churchgoer, deeply committed to what they call the “right to life”, a creationist who wants to ban the teaching of evolution in Alaska, where she is governor and has served less than two years.

I said months ago there were six reasons I thought McCain would lose the election, and it's worth mentioning the first two in this context. First, he celebrated his 72nd birthday last week and might not be able to stay the course, either in the gruelling campaign ahead or a four-year-term if elected. Either way, it is

unlikely that at 76 he would go for a second term. Secondly, and following on from McCain's age, what makes the selection of the vice-presidential candidate crucial is the possibility that they would either take over in the event of his death or incapacitation, or would be the likely Republican nominee in 2012.

If he chose anyone from the left of his party, it would shave a point or two off his share of the vote as right-wing Republicans would not forgive him. And if he chose anyone from the far right, it would be an invitation for young, idealistic Republicans to vote with their hearts rather than their heads – for Obama. This would be signalling to the rest of the world that America has changed, and that the unpopularity of George

W Bush abroad and the damage done to America's image would be overcome at a stroke. So where do the parties stand at this crucial point? With the Democratic ticket of Obama and Joe Biden an average of seven points ahead of McCain and Palin, no longer in the statistical dead heat some suggest.

Where it counts, however, is not in the national polls but in the individual states – and there the race is much closer.

My source of data is www.realclearpolitics.com, which tells you everything you want to know about the election. Last week they gave Obama 228 electoral votes to McCain's 185, when it takes 270 to elect a president, which seems a solid lead in the states where the outcome is already clear. But when experts use state-wide polls in the swing states to make their best guess, they give Obama a tiny margin, 273 to 265. Certainly too close to call. All it would take is Colorado, with nine electoral votes, to go Republican to elect McCain. There's all to play for.

• Sir Robert Worcester is the founder of MORI.

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Tony, Edward and John

In Tony Patey's opinion piece last week, he stated the only two prime ministers he met and liked during his career as a reporter were Edward Heath and John Major.

These politicians were both guilty of forcing this country into membership of the EU and its disastrous consequences.

They may have been considerate in listening to their constituents, but they both used their position to deceive the people by signing treaties which were instrumental in our nation giving up its sovereignty.

This appears to confirm his conclusion that the "fed-ups" should vote independent – preferably Ukip.

Terry Kendall, Folkestone

Beasts of little burden

In response to the letter from D Ashdown of Rochester (August 17) which states that he/she has never seen a happy donkey.

Obviously your reader has not had much to do with donkeys. Nice green fields are not really their native habitat.

Dry, dusty places are where they originated and I suspect most would be far happier plodding gently along with a child on its back (with a daily lunch break) than wandering through an African village with half a haystack strapped to its back.

Readers might like to check out information on the Donkey Sanctuary in Sidmouth, where many beach donkeys retire. I think they might be surprised.

Helen Page, Ramsgate

Building a big burden

Why blame water companies for not keeping up with New Labour's manic house-building programme? Nobody can keep up.

The burden on Kent is enormous.

Hospitals, surgeries, schools, prisons, leisure centres are all oversubscribed, while we are seriously deprived of that we value most – our space.

J Holmes, Higham

You armchair warriors

I do wish there was more perspective when the media covers Britain's wars overseas.

I shook my head when reading your spreads about the Army in Afghanistan and last week's letter from the Old Codgers.

Praise was heaped upon the military, but we must remember the war in Afghanistan is plainly illegal and unprovoked. Our soldiers have absolutely no right to be there, no matter how many clinics or mosques they are rebuilding.

We must also try not to confuse support for the Army with support for the war, a distinction I feel KoS Media blurred last week.

Most Old Codgers are old enough to have lived through World War Two. It is a shame the country they fought for is now acting in the same reckless and cowardly way the Nazis did at the onset of that war.

The Geneva Convention applied to the

Germans in 1945 in Nuremberg. It should apply to the UK here and now.

Instead of sending out food parcels, the Old Codgers' energy would be better directed at campaigning to bring the Armed Forces home.

It always irritates me that even on the anti-war edge of respectable opinion any criticism of 'our boys' is beyond the pale.

When all is said and done, they are mercenaries fighting imperial wars for Western capital and strategic interests.

Presumably many of them join up out of a misguided sense of patriotism, some so they can get trained (as an electrician or whatever), and some because they are just plain violent.

But I can't think of anything admirable about fighting in the Armed Forces in 2008 and the more of a stigma that attaches to this occupation the less harm Britain might end up doing around the globe.

Alan Haynes, Northfleet

Overstating the case

There is no doubt Sandy Bruce-Lockhart made a major contribution to local government in Kent and beyond and will be much missed.

However, it is surely overstating the case when your headline says he "was a force for good in all he did".

In 2000 he was justifiably criticised for his hardline stance on asylum seekers and his attitude to Section 28, when in July of that

year he passed a policy that renewed the central premise of the controversial law that banned the discussion of homosexuality in schools.

Fortunately, the Conservative Party both locally and nationally has since revised its policies on these issues, and some would say has moved light years under David Cameron, although at local level I am afraid these same old prejudices sometimes persist.

Dr Alan Bullion, Lib Dem parliamentary spokesman for Sevenoaks

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We'll put Britain first

The cynical comments from Ben Startup of Canterbury (August 17) misrepresent the policies of Ukip.

Ukip advocates trading freely across the globe, including with our European neighbours, on terms negotiated directly by a British government.

This does imply either deserting or mistrusting Europe, but simply being able to decide what is in the interest of the British people, instead of relying on a consensus of the European Union.

While Ukip believes nuclear power is the only feasible technology available to meet Britain's large-scale energy needs, its proposals also provide that, by 2020, gas imports are reduced by 75 per cent, coal use is reduced by 10 per cent and renewable energy use is doubled.

Nicolas Jack, Chairman, Folkestone and Hythe Ukip branch

Meddling never stops

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Is it the combined toxic effect of them all? Closer to home, I cannot stand jobsworths. Has local government proved cumbersome, costly and careless, unfit for purpose, well past its sell-by date?

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JOHNSON

Nick and Nicola are proud to announce the birth of Jack Robert born on 19th August 2008 weighing 6lb 12oz. Brother to Chloe and grandson of Les and Barbara and John and Angela.

JONES

Ryan and Carly are delighted to announce the birth of their handsome son Alfie Ryan on 18th August 2008 at Pembury Hospital weighing 6lb 10z.

MATTHEWS

Keith and Sarah are proud to announce the birth of their son Samuel George Matthews on 15th August 2008. Brother to Nicole, Jade, Tom and Ryan.

MILLS

Jonathan and Sue are happy to announce the birth of their daughter Bethan Sophie Mills on the 23rd August 2008.

O'FARRELL

Niamh born on 23rd August 2008 weighing 7lb 10z. Daughter to Nick and Natalie O'Farrell of Barming Kent.

PAWLEY

Ben and Sarah Pawley are proud to announce the birth of their son Harry Thomas Pawley born on 20th August 2008.

READ

James and Emma would like to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Elizabeth on 28th August 2008 at Darent Valley Hospital weighing 8lb 10z.

SAMUELS

Graeme and Anna are proud to announce the birth of their son Sean Antony on 15th August 2008 weighing 7lb 11oz.

SHORTER

Kevin and Jayne are delighted to announce the early arrival of

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SIMPSON

Richard and Sam are delighted to announce the arrival of their beautiful baby Elijah born 19th August 2008.

STONE

Sebastian David Francesco born on 16th August 2008, weighing 6lb 12oz. Son to Chiara and David of Ramsgate.

STRATFORD

Emma Angela Stratford born on 28th August 2008, weighing 8lb 10z. Daughter to Angela and Brian Stratford in Headcorn.

DEATHS

COTTON

Joan Cotton of Southborough passed away peacefully on 21st August 2008. Funeral was held at

St Thomas Church Southborough at 1.15pm on Friday 5th September 2008. Enquiries to Southborough Funeral Services.

MAYHEW

Margery Irene Florence passed away at Darent Valley Hospital on 28th August 2008. Much loved wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother. Loved by all who knew her. Funeral enquiries to Horlocks Funeral Services.

SENDELL

Francis Anthony Sendell retired School Teacher of Folkestone died peacefully on Sunday 24th August 2008. Funeral service at Barham Crematorium on Wednesday 10th September at 12pm. All welcome.

SMITH

Lynda C Smith passed away peacefully with many

loving arms holding her on the 19th August 2008. Donations to the Pilgrims Hospice Ashford. There's an open gate at the end of the road through which each must go alone, and there, in a light we cannot see, you will remain close to me.

SMITH

John Arthur formally of Headcorn passed away peacefully after a long illness on 24th August 2008, aged 88.

WILLIAMS

John Leonard Williams passed away peacefully on Twenty sixth August with all his loved ones around him. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

WOOD

Henry Wood who died peacefully on 25th August. Thanks to all family and friends for their kindness and flowers.

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gentleman who put a teabag in the wrong bin? We are all ageing, do any of us need to be set up by petty bureaucrats' manufactured rules and regulations? They are ever-eager to pick taxpayers' pockets, but not keen to do public service.

Life needs to be affordable and much simpler, not decided by overpaid committees. But life won't improve while politicians command our every move and get away with overcharging and overtaxing workers.

Rita Grootendorst, Sidcup

Apathy in the UK

I totally agree with Stephen Donoghue's letter regarding the EU, (August 30) the problem is, Apathy Rules UK.

We have people being given criminal records for leaving waste bins partly open, two MEPs recently pocketing more than £1 million between them out of their 'expenses' and an EU which is against referendums and which won't accept the result when it does allow them.

Even though this is just the tip of the iceberg, many Britons are queuing up for more and can't seem to get enough of it.

Those of us who bother to find the truth are subject to the well oiled (literally!) propaganda machine that brands us Little Englanders or xenophobes, because they want to cover the fact they have achieved more by stealth than Hitler achieved by force.

A common question is, why have Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales got their own assemblies and not England?

The answer is Tony Blair and Gordon Brown agreed to the EU's demand to split Britain into regions and that has been partly done.

The next step is to divide England into nine regions, hence no assembly for us.

The apathetic British would be horrified if they could be bothered to find the truth, instead of relying on MPs not known for their honesty and who have a great financial interest in the EU's continuation.

When the full horror dawns and it's too late, don't say we didn't go through the uphill struggle of trying to warn you.

Phil Granger, West Malling

End this primate hell

September 1 was International Primate Day, a day for remembering the plight of thousands of monkeys incarcerated in laboratories across the world where they are subjected to painful and, ultimately, lethal experiments.

Ten thousand lives are taken every year in EU countries alone, with Britain accounting for one-third of that total.

The animals are poisoned in toxicity tests or suffer appalling experiments on their brains that typically involve breaking through the skull, deliberately damaging the brain and – post-operatively – setting the monkeys repetitive tests that might involve withholding water and food to ensure compliance.

Despite genetic similarities, there are significant differences between humans and other primates relating to anatomy, metabolism, physiology, biochemistry and pharmacology.

This means results from other primates cannot be reliably applied to our own species. For instance, although 85 different Aids vaccines have shown positive results in non-human primates (mainly chimpanzees, our closest genetic relative), all have failed in human trials.

More than 150 MPs recently signed an

early day motion calling for a ban on primate experiments, while more than 400 MEPs signed a written declaration supporting the same aim.

It is time for governments to listen to their elected members and take action. Anyone wishing to help end experimentation on primates can contact info@animalaid.org.uk.

Toni Vernelli, Animal Aid, Tonbridge

Thatcher was worse

Tony Blair may not have been one of the very greatest PMs of the 20th century but he was not the worst, as Thomas Sheridan suggests.

Remember Mrs T and her 'I'm all right' philosophy?

Jack Vaux, Sheerness

Life on the ocean wave

I was interested in your story about a new generation of seafarers (August 24).

I went to sea in 1940 and remained with the same company until 1956, starting as a boy rating, thence to full rating and petty officer, before receiving promotion to purser.

I was then appointed superintendent, a position I held for 10 years before transferring to another shipping company in a similar position ashore.

I remained in the marine industry in a managerial position until the age of 70.

Towards the end of my career the dark days unfolded, in which both seafarers and ships became redundant. 'Containerisation' was gradually taking over.

You will appreciate, therefore, how heartened I was to read about the call for a 'new generation of seafarers'.

My first reaction was to question where the ships requiring crews were coming from, certainly not many from the UK.

Our rates of pay would not appeal to many

overseas owners. The ferries are the largest employers of local seamen – the officers have usually changed to ferries after deep-sea service.

The majority of British ratings who have not had deep-sea experience seem to consider themselves shore workers whose job entails working a shift system in coastal waters.

I am familiar with Gravesend Sea School and they were excellent trainers. In the main, we were a self-disciplined lot. I am sure the sea schools of today would make the point that the boys would have to be well behaved, interested and intent on remaining at sea.

I trust you will accept my observations as factual rather than critical, as well as helpful.

Neville Bush, Folkestone

Laying down the law

In response to last week's letter headlined 'EU is too controlling', our own trade minister has admitted 80 per cent of our laws are now made in Brussels.

This sounds like a good chance to dump our greasy MPs if they are not making our laws. We do not need them and could save a fortune.

John Hind, Temple Ewell, Dover

Try a little tolerance

What is truth? Mr Granger says his allegiance is to what he hopes is the truth.

Fair enough, but not everyone sees the truth as he sees it. He can't expect everyone to agree with him.

He can't always be right (or wrong). He needs to be more tolerant of other people's views.

As for his assertion that he has no allegiance to any political party, his letters give a certain impression of who he supports.

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the course, which was aimed

at developing the Charlton
Athletic community scheme
coaches' knowledge and
understanding of the skills
needed to deliver safe, fun
and progressive education
sessions for the youngsters.
Sean Daly, football

development manager, for
the Charlton Athletic
Community Trust, said: "Our
project, Kick into Education,
is growing stronger and
stronger within schools. This
course will help us develop
the project further."

A new life after 60: working and caring



STILL IN CHARGE: more
over-60s want to keep working

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

jenna.pudelek@kosmedia.co.uk

AN AGENCY for recruit-
ing over-60s in west Kent
has proved so popular
that its owner is now con-
sidering expansion.

Brian Kent, from Tunbridge
Wells, now has more than 200
clients on his books since the
company's launch 18 months ago
and works with wide variety of
more than 40 firms, businesses
and organisations.

After he retired, he set up The
Really Caring 60 Plus Recruit-
ment Company in response to
the problem of the country's ageing
population. "What is happen-
ing is the birth rate is in decline
and there are fewer young peo-
ple to look after the older people.
So they are better off going out to
work, earning some money and
paying taxes," he said.

People were living longer and
many in their 60s were fit,
healthy and wanted to continue
to work and might fancy a
change of direction in their job,
he said. Mr Kent supplies full

and part-time older workers to
companies in Tunbridge Wells,
Tonbridge, Sevenoaks and the
outskirts of Maidstone.

Asked whether he wanted to
expand the business nationally,
he said: "There are all sorts of
possibilities with this enterprise.
But we will go slowly step by
step. It is in the name – we really
do care and we want to be pro-
fessional and responsible."

Although older people were
able, they were often under-val-
ued and under-utilised, he said.
Mr Kent believes his clients
have "significant advantages"
over the younger generation in
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bility and values because of their
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Further details are available from:
Miss S Spratley, Pent Valley Technology College, Surrenden Road,
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You will lead the Social Work department in developing a strategic plan for the progression of the social work service within the unit, providing visible social work leadership and input.

You must have comprehensive experience of working in a social work role within a learning disability/mental health setting together with previous supervisory experience. You will have an in-depth understanding of the Mental Health Act 1983, Care Standards Act 2000, relevant legislation and best practice and be able to work according to these requirements. Relevant qualifications and valid registration with the General Social Care Council (GSCC) are required for this role.

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You will possess a Diploma in Social Work or recognised equivalent and must be registered or eligible to register as a Qualified Social Worker with the General Social Care Council (GSCC). You will possess previous experience working within a healthcare/learning disability environment and will have comprehensive understanding of the Mental Health Act 1983, Care Standards Act 2000 and other relevant legislation and be able to work according to these requirements.

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You will have overall responsibility for the management of 4 weekly rosters and co-ordinating the resourcing requirements of the nursing and care department, including allocating overtime, agency and bank shifts to staff. You will manage the Time Attendance Rostering System (TARS), ensuring accurate information is inputted, and the collation and production of accurate unit operational KPIs.

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INFORMATION AND LIBRARY SERVICES SYSTEMS SUPPORT TECHNICIAN

Ref: 01053/K3

We are seeking to recruit an experienced Systems Support Technician to assist in the management, support and ongoing maintenance of the shared desktop and associated server infrastructure, providing services to the Universities at Medway.

You will participate in the creation, implementation and testing of the shared desktop and will be responsible for maintaining the image and ensuring all desktop and server infrastructure is regularly patched and updated. You will make recommendations for improvements and implement any additional services required by the Drill Hall and ensure that the necessary security and backup/recovery procedures are in place.

You must have significant experience in both server and desktop technologies and have been responsible for installing and supporting environments running Windows XP and Server 2003. You must have experience with administering Active Directory, particularly group policy management and software distribution.

Any experience of Novell Netware/Unix/Linux, VMware, Vista, RIS/WDS/WSUS and application packaging is highly desirable. Occasionally you may be expected to provide first line support duties within the library.

It is essential that you have strong interpersonal skills and are able to communicate well at all levels.

This is an opportunity to join a unique partnership within the university field.

Salary £28,290 - £32,795 per annum

WEEKEND SERVICES CO-ORDINATOR (FIXED TERM FOR 2 YEARS)

Ref: 01054/K3

We are looking for an enthusiastic and energetic person to join our Drill Hall library team. You will have the role of managing the weekend support team (1 member of reception/security and 2 student workers) to provide a seamless IT and library support service to students of the Universities at Medway – currently comprising of students from Canterbury Christ Church, University of Greenwich, University of Kent and Mid Kent College.

You will have a background of library or IT helpdesk or HE education. You will have a knowledge or willingness to learn online information products and some specialist software. Excellent knowledge of Microsoft Office is essential.

The post is fixed term for two years as we may wish to evaluate the service we are offering. The post is for 17.5 hours a week for 35 weeks. We need to provide cover between September and July on Saturdays and Sundays: 10.45 am – 5.15 pm plus five and a half hours during the week, ideally Friday 12.00 pm – 6.00 pm.

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ADMINISTRATIVE/ ACQUISITIONS ASSISTANT

Ref: 01055/K3

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We are looking for someone with excellent administrative and organisational skills with good secretarial and administrative experience, who would like to work within a team that is committed to developing and maintaining a high level of customer care to the wide ranging users of the Drill Hall Library.

If you have a good level of secondary education, strong IT skills, a sound knowledge of Microsoft packages and would like to know more about the post contact Virginia Malone on 01634 883336.

Salary £17,169 – £19,263 per annum

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING COMPUTING OFFICER

Ref: 01056/K3

An opportunity exists for a Computing Officer within the School of Engineering at the University of Greenwich at Medway

The duties will include provision of laboratory support to academic staff and students principally within the School's Computing and Communications Laboratories at Medway.

Applicants should have a sound technical education and knowledge of computing technology and communications networks. Experience in the use of network systems and server/client models is desirable, as is experience in the use of change management systems. In addition, experience of the use of IT within an educational establishment would be an advantage. You will need to work on your own initiative but also as part of team.

Salary £19,841 – £22,332 per annum

WORKSHOP TECHNICIAN

Ref: 01057/K3

An opportunity exists for a Workshop Technician within the School of Engineering, Wolfson Centre Laboratories, Medway campus.

The duties will include the construction of test rigs and apparatus principally within the Wolfson Centre for Bulk Solids Handling Technology.

Applicants should have a sound technical education and knowledge of manufacturing techniques. Experience in the use of handling equipment is desirable. In addition, experience of the use of IT within processing industries would be an advantage. You will need to work on your own initiative but also as part of team.

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You must be able to demonstrate the ability to understand and work with a wide range of providers and external agencies. Excellent communication skills are therefore essential as well as knowledge of additional and special education needs would be advantageous.

When applying please state if you are interested in a full time or part time position.

This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau. Ref: CFE/o8/0446

Closing date: Midday, 23rd September 2008.
Interview date: 14th October 2008.

Treatment Foster Care Project Officers (Skills Trainer)

Starting salary £22,825, with progression through contribution related pay to £26,159 per annum (pro rata for part time)

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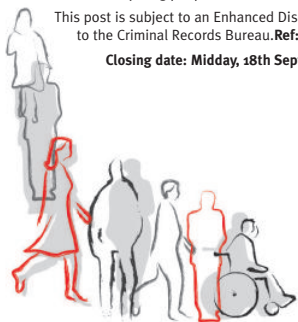
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Treasure Chest Resource Centre Regional Driver/Co-ordinator

Starting salary £16,627, with progression through contribution related pay to £18,288 per annum

We wish to appoint a driver/co-ordinator to work within the team, who will be responsible for:

- Maintaining and developing links with providers of Foundation Stage learning, Children's Centres and Out of School providers across the West Kent region.
- Promoting Treasure Chest loans to increase membership take up.
- Updating records and providing advice on stock selection.
- Delivering and collecting resources, (a vehicle is provided and the post holder will need to have a full, clean driving licence and be able to undertake the necessary manual lifting and handling).
- Ensuring the vehicle is cleaned regularly and maintenance checks are undertaken.

This is an exciting role and we offer opportunities for training and career progression.

This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau. Ref: CFE/o8/0442

Treasure Chest Resource Centre Support Officer

Starting salary £15,826, with progression through contribution related pay to £16,627 per annum

Following the promotion of the current post holder, Treasure Chest is looking to appoint a Support Officer to help co-ordinate the smooth administration of the resource centre.

Working as part of a team, the post holder will be responsible for:

- Maintaining records of equipment delivered in and out and ordering stationery and stock for the service.
- Dealing with incoming and outgoing correspondence by preparing and typing letters, memoranda, reports for managerial meetings and collating or originating material for other documents, as required.
- Monitoring and maintaining the Treasure Chest memberships database, assisting in promoting the service and providing reports as appropriate.

Training will be provided and the post offers good opportunities for career progression. Ref: CFE/o8/0443

Treasure Chest Resource Centre Assistant

Starting salary £13,959, with progression through contribution related pay to £15,826 per annum

We are looking to appoint a new post holder to help with the day to day running of the centre. Working as part of a team, the post holder will be responsible for:

- Carrying out routine tasks and general office duties including dealing with queries and taking orders over the telephone, by fax and by e-mail and assisting with maintaining the database of orders.
- Collecting and collating ordered stock ready for loading on the delivery vehicles.
- Assisting with checking returned goods and ensuring the centre and the stock is kept clean and minor repairs are undertaken.

This is a very friendly team and training is offered.

Ref: CFE/o8/0444

For an informal discussion about the Treasure Chest posts, please contact Tammy Winstone on 01304 849043.

Closing date: Midday, 18th September 2008.
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Reference P0327

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The closing date is Friday 19 September 2008.

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Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please email recruitment@midkent.ac.uk.

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SPORTS PARTNERSHIP ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

Margate

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GARDENER

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CHEF/COOK

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Closing Date: 17 September 2008

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Quoting Job Ref: SG240
Tel: 01303 774888
Email human.resources@saga.co.uk

FINISHING ASSISTANTS

Sittingbourne

Salary: £6.22 during probation then £6.48 per hour
We are a unique family business selling fantastic ready meals and puddings in our own shops throughout the South East of England, our national online delivery service and through our wholesale business selling to farm shops and independent food producers and we're growing fast. Our Finishing Assistants have the extremely important job of making sure that every dish we make leaves the Kitchen looking perfect. They are responsible for dishing up the food, weighing the contents and then sealing, labeling and boxing the finished dishes. You will need to be numerate, reliable and possess great team skills, with the ability to work quickly in demanding conditions. Kitchen/food experience is an advantage but is not essential. 2pm to 10 pm shift Please send your CV to Sarah or Jodie in Personnel at COOK, Eurolink Way, Sittingbourne, ME10 3HH. If you need further information please call www.cookfood.net
To apply/more information: Sarah or Jodie
Cook
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01795 471700
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FULL TIME CHEF

Canterbury

Salary: TBC
Required for The Goods Shed Farmers market, food hall & restaurant. Station Road West Canterbury CT2 8AN
To apply/more information: Goods Shed Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01227 459153
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

FULL TIME CHEF

London

Salary: £21,261-£23,261 inc
Closing Date: 17th September, 2008

- NVQ II in catering or equivalent
- Diploma in Food Hygiene (level 4) and HACCP (level 3)
- Working with a team of dedicated volunteers to cover daily main meal at midday and an evening meal, including some weekends
- Excellent health and safety and best practice knowledge
- Knowledge of special diets and ability to train others in foundation food hygiene a distinct advantage. As an investors in People employer we know how important you are and can offer -

- Structured on going education, support and professional development.
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- Good annual leave and excellent working environment.
- For an application pack contact Recruitment Line. Please note that our new hospice has NO PARKING facilities for employees or volunteers. Visit our website on www.demeiza.org.uk

Enhanced Disclosure checks by the CRB will be undertaken for successful applicants. Demeiza is an equal opportunities employer and operates a no smoking policy. Rook Lane, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, Kent ME9 8DZ

To apply/more information: Demeiza House
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01795 845295
Email info@demeiza.org.uk

PASTRY CHEF

Sittingbourne

Salary: £6.48 during probation then £7.18 per hour
We are a unique family business selling fantastic ready meals and puddings in our own shops throughout the South East of England, our national online delivery service and through our wholesale business selling to farm shops and independent food producers and we're growing fast. We are looking for someone who knows a thing or two about working with pastry both savoury and sweet. In a day you could be making 80 quiches, 100 pies or 600 portions of chocolate sponge. You will need previous experience of either pastry or bakery and ideally have an NVQ. Please send your CV to Sarah or Jodie in Personnel at COOK, EuroLink Way, Sittingbourne, ME10 3HH. If you need further information please call.

To apply/more information: Sarah or Jodie Cook
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01795 471700
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

PREP CHEFS
Sittingbourne
Salary: £6.48 during probation then £7.18 per hour
We are a unique family business selling fantastic ready meals and puddings in our own shops throughout the South East of England, our national online delivery service and through our wholesale business selling to farm shops and independent food producers and we're growing fast. We are looking for someone who has good knife skills to cut and prepare all the meat and vegetables to the specification that is required. Ideally you will have an NVQ in

cooking with previous experience working in a fast paced catering environment. Please send your CV to Sarah or Jodie in Personnel at COOK, EuroLink Way, Sittingbourne, ME10 3HH. If you need further information please call.

To apply/more information: Sarah or Jodie Cook
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01795 471700
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

RECEPTIONIST

Canterbury

Salary: TBC

Experienced receptionist required to handle all incoming calls to the site and to meet and greet all visitors. Excellent communication skills both face to face and on the telephone is essential. Computer literate and administration experience a plus. Recruitment Day/Evening On Wednesday 10th September 2008 From 3-7pm. Brownhills Motorhomes offer excellent working conditions, a competitive salary and generous holidays and are committed to equal opportunities. Howfield Lane, Chartham, Canterbury, Kent CT4 7HG

To apply/more information: Brownhills Motorhomes
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01227 738990
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

VENUE STAFF

Dover

Salary: tba
The Centre Spot is an exciting new state of the art venue located in the grounds of Dover Athletic F.C.'s Perrys Crabble Stadium, in Dover. Our outstanding new facility needs staff to match, so if you enjoy working in a fast paced environment and are flexible with excellent interpersonal skills, we have several part-time positions that might be right up your street: Bar Staff - Kitchen Staff - Glass Collectors - Cleaner Please send your C.V. to Andrea Milner - The Centre Spot, Dover Athletic Football Club, Lewisham Road, Dover, Kent, CT17 0JB or E-mail: andrea.milner@thecentrespot.net

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The Centre Spot
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email andrea.milner@thecentrespot.net

WAITING STAFF

Ramsgate

Salary: TBA

WANTED Experienced WAITSTAFF for Ramsgate's newest and best restaurant. Please call: 01843 851515

To apply/more information: Harriett Leigh
Age & Sons
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01843 851515
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Child Care

CHILDREN'S PALLIATIVE CARE ASSISTANTS

London

Salary: £14,862-£19,696 inc

Closing Date: 17th September, 2008

- Qualified at NVQ level II in a relevant healthcare subject
- Able to demonstrate the ability and willingness to increase your skills and work towards NVQ level III and our own in-house competencies
- Experienced in working either in palliative care, or with children with complex medical or psychosocial or behavioural or educational needs
- Working a full shift pattern to include nights, weekends. Full and part time posts available. As an Investors in People employer we know how important you are and can offer -

- Structured on going education, support and professional development.
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Email info@demeiza.org.uk

SESSIONAL SUPPORT WORKERS

Ashford

Salary: £7.69 to £9.95 per hour

Closing Date: Thursday 18th September

Temporary Contract to March 2009 Thanet Children's Participation Project works with children and young people to enable them to engage in positive activities, contributing to their communities and making their voices and opinions heard. Having successfully established activity clubs for children with disabilities in both Hythe and Ashford, we are now seeking to appoint an additional number of fun-loving, creative, caring and approachable Support Workers for our Saturday Clubs. As a sessional worker your focus will be to provide support and positive play and leisure experiences for children and young people with disabilities, in a scheme that will run on two

Saturdays per month in each area. You will need to have some previous experience of working with children and young people with disabilities, a sound knowledge and understanding of the issues facing disabled children and young people, and the ability to engage with children using participative methods in an informal setting. You will be educated to GCSE standard (or equivalent). Reliability and punctuality are a critical element of this role. Hours for these posts will be variable, though as an indication for candidates sessions usually run for five-six hours per Saturday. There may be a possibility for staff to work additional hours at either scheme during school holidays; however this aspect cannot be guaranteed. All appointments are subject to an enhanced CRB disclosure. For an informal discussion about the role please contact the project team by telephone on 01843 596659. As well as a strong commitment to your development, we offer generous holidays, contributory stakeholder pension, childcare vouchers and flexible working. To apply, please visit www.playyourpart.co.uk in the first instance, or call us on 0121 362 8636 quoting the reference number. Interviews will take place on 26th September.

To apply/more information: Childrens Society
Quoting Job Ref: S01266/KS
Tel: 0121 362 8636
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CHILDREN'S PALLIATIVE CARE NURSES

London

Salary: £28,416-£34,358 inc

Closing Date: 17th September, 2008

- Qualified children's nurse (RSCN, RNCB) • Ability to demonstrate good clinical skills and up to date Continuing Professional Development
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Gravesend

Salary: tba

Immediate start, permanent positions. Good rates, depending on experience.

To apply/more information: Exhibitions Stands Manufacturers Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01474 536360
Email mail@esm-uk.com

Customer Service, Call Centre

CALL CENTRE ADMINISTRATOR

Longfield

Salary: tba

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To apply/more information: Joanne Brown
MotorSport Vision Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email joanne.brown@motorsportvision.co.uk

CUSTOMER SERVICE ADVISOR

Canterbury

Salary: TBC

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SALES AGENTS

Folkestone

Salary: £16k - £18k OTE

(uncapped) + excellent benefits package

Closing Date: 26 September 2008

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VISITOR SERVICES TEAM LEADER

Canterbury

Salary: £25,581 to £28,041

Closing Date: Friday 19 September 2008

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Email jobs@canterbury.gov.uk

Construction, Architecture, Surveyors

APPROVED ELECTRICIAN

Canterbury

Salary: To be agreed

Closing Date: 12/09/08

Certified to complete 18hr/17th edition regulations plus 2390/10 inspection testing.

To apply/more information: Lynne Beckley
Senco Local Government
Quoting Job Ref: BV09/ELECT
Tel: 01227 819419
Email beckley@canterbury.senco.com

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To apply/more information:
Mrs Theresa Davies
Northfleet School for Girls
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 0844 477 2525
Email personnel@northfleetgirls.kent.sch.uk

CAREERS OFFICER

Gravesend
Salary: Kent Scheme Grade 4 - £7,040 - £7,399 p.a.
Closing Date: Thursday, 11 September 2008
20 hours per week term time only. At Northfleet School for Girls our careers programme is an integral part of pupils' education. We wish to appoint a Careers Officer to provide a guidance service for the whole school community in partnership with the Connexions Service and in support of the Personal, Social, Health Education (PSHE) curriculum. For further information please contact Mrs Theresa Davies or Mrs Sam Chisholm or check the school website - www.northfleetgirls.kent.sch.uk

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Northfleet School for Girls
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email personnel@northfleetgirls.kent.sch.uk

CONSTRUCTION DRAUGHTSMAN INSTRUCTOR

Chatham
Salary: £28,219 - £30,312 per annum
Closing Date: Friday 12 September 2008
You will be required to prepare demonstrations, lessons, lectures, class work and homework to enable trainees to achieve approved training objectives within this trade. If you have knowledge of the skills required for drawing office work associated with building technology and hold a City and Guilds in CAD using AutoCAD then we would like to hear from you. For an application form and job description visit our website www.midkent.ac.uk or email us. Informal enquiries are very welcome, please telephone Marie Cook, Personnel Officer 01634 884736 or Iain Donaldson, Personnel Director 01634 884422

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Marie Cook
Mid Kent College
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Email rsme.recruitment@midkent.ac.uk

COVER SUPERVISOR

Aylesford
Salary: Kent Scheme 5 - £16,627 to £18,288 per year
Closing Date: 10th September 2008
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• Supervise classes when a teacher is absent.
• Examination invigilation.
• Accompany staff on school trips.
• Some administration tasks. Training and career development will be given to the successful candidate.

To apply/more information:
Jill McKenna
Aylesford School - Sports College
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Tel: 01622 717341
Email jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk

COVER SUPERVISOR

Canterbury
Salary: Kent Scheme Level 5 (£16,277 - £18,288 per rata)
Closing Date: Friday 19th September 2008 at noon 8.00am - 4.00pm Mon - Fri Term Times plus five days.
Could you be part of an enthusiastic, dynamic team that supports a new Academy - including new buildings and resources? Are you committed to developing learning and raising aspirations with students? If so, we want to hear from you. The successful candidate will be energetic, enthusiastic and able to take charge of children's learning through the delivery of set work. The ability to work well under pressure is essential as are excellent organisational, interpersonal and communication skills. To apply for this position please forward a letter of application together with a CV quoting the reference by email. Interviews will be held Friday 26th September 2008

To apply/more information:
Mr Ian Johnson
Spices Academy
Quoting Job Ref: CS0109
Email m.wington@spicesacademy.com

EXAMINATIONS ASSISTANT

Tonbridge
Salary: Grade B Salary £14,618 - £17,994
Closing Date: Friday 19 September 2008
An opportunity has arisen for an Examinations Assistant to join our Exams Team. Within this position you will be the main point of contact for at least one awarding body and provide administration support for examinations and to the academic schools in liaison with the examinations coordinator. You will have experience using databases and Microsoft office including Word and Excel and have the ability to work independently and to tight deadlines. Mid-Kent College is working in partnership with RBL Employment Solutions to support individuals who have a disability or health condition in the application, interview and employment with the college. If you would like any further information regarding RBL, or require assistance with your application process then please contact RBL on 0800 783 1144 or visit their website www.rbl.co.uk for information, advice and guidance. The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and vulnerable adults and anyone applying for work with the College is expected to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure. Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please email. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the Personnel department on 01634 845402 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the college please quote the appropriate job title and reference number.

To apply/more information:
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Quoting Job Ref: P0327
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Email recruitment@midkent.ac.uk

FURTHER EDUCATION SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR (FESCO)

Chatham
Salary: Circa £25,000 per rata
Closing Date: 12 September 2008
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QUALIFIED TEACHERS

Kent
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Various hours are available. If you are a newly-qualified teacher, or an experienced specialist interested in a second career in Further Education, we are keen to hear from you. This is an exciting opportunity to gain valuable experience in the Further Education sector, supply lecturing offers the possibility of part-time hours fitted around your existing commitments, and according to your own specialist skills, qualifications and experience. A teaching qualification is not always essential, however if you do not hold one then we will provide the appropriate training when you join our team. We offer a wide range of both vocational and academic courses - to find out whether your skills match any of those on offer, further details can be found at www.cant-col.ac.uk. For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel Office (24hr answerphone), quoting the post reference. Staff benefits include: Pensions and Life Assurance Scheme Proximity to Maidens / Train Stations Close to City Centre Sports Hall and Gym Generous Holiday Allowance Staff Discount Scheme

To apply/more information:
Canterbury College
Quoting Job Ref: Supply
Tel: 01222 811282 (24hr answerphone)
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TEACHER - BASIC SKILLS

Canterbury
Salary: £21,805 pa - 37.5 hours per week
Closing Date: 28th September 2008
Cedar House is a 44-bed hospital offering secure services to people with learning disabilities and challenging behaviour. Do you want to work in a meaningful and challenging role in a stimulating environment? You will design and deliver individually tailored educational programmes to

meet patient needs, carry out assessments, produce individual learning plans and, mentor and develop members of the Education, Rehabilitation and Skills Development Department. You will facilitate learner involvement, oversee the regular review of patient goals and take a lead role in an agreed area of development/responsibility. You will hold a teaching qualification (Cert.Ed., B.Ed, PGCE or recognised equivalent), possess comprehensive experience of planning and delivering educational sessions and have previous supervisory experience. You will be able to effectively organise and manage your own workload, be an excellent communicator and be able to develop and maintain positive working relationships with patients, colleagues and external agencies. In return we offer a variety of benefits including Pension, Life Assurance, 30 days annual leave plus Bank Holidays, excellent training and development opportunities and positive management support. If you wish to be considered for any of these roles, please contact Reception for an application form, alternatively you can download an application form from our website www.careprinciples.com

Appointments are subject to Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure. We are an equal opportunity employer committed to developing our staff.

To apply/more information:
Care Principles
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: (01227) 833700
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

TEACHERS OF ENGLISH AND HISTORY SUPPORT STAFF

Gravesend
Salary: TBC
Closing Date: Thursday, 11 September 2008
For further information please contact Mrs Theresa Davies or Mrs Sam Chisholm or check the school website - www.northfleetgirls.kent.sch.uk

To apply/more information:
Mrs Theresa Davies
Northfleet School for Girls
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 0844 477 2525
Email personnel@northfleetgirls.kent.sch.uk

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Aylesford
Salary: £13959 to 15826 pro rata
Closing Date: 15th September 2008
Aylesford School - Sports College is an innovative forward looking Specialist Sports College. We have a strong community ethos where we put the learner at the heart of everything we do. At Aylesford School - Sports College we can offer you:-
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• Outstanding new facilities in all areas.
• A highly regarded CPD programme with personal professional pathways.
• A buzzing and vibrant staff who are friendly and keen to help one another.
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• We are looking for a committed professional who:-
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• Has the desire to make the difference.
• Is focussed on developing their career further.

To apply/more information:
Jill McKenna
Aylesford School - Sports College
Quoting Job Ref: JM/001
Tel: 01622 717341
Email jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk

TEACHING ASSISTANTS

Medway
Salary: £14,492 - £18,430 (PRO RATA) + SEN Allowance

(£1,107) (pay award pending)
Closing Date: 10.9.2008
Are you committed, motivated and enthusiastic? Does 'Every Child Matter' to you? Can you make a difference? If so, share your talents and expertise with us. Abbey Court is located on 2 sites; Rainham (Primary) and Strood (Secondary and Further Education), and caters for pupils aged 4-19 with severe learning difficulties. Working hours are 32.5 p/w, term time only. Previous experience and/or NNEB (or equivalent) qualifications preferred. Comprehensive training and induction will be provided. This School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of appointment for post is subject to a satisfactory Criminal Record Bureau Disclosure. For an application pack, please write to/telephone (stating the role for which you are applying): Mrs Linda Taylor, Abbey Court School, Rede Court Road, Strood, Kent. ME2 3SP (01634 338224) Please note CV's will not be accepted.

To apply/more information:
Abbey Court School
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01634 338224
Email taylorl036@medway.org.uk

TEACHING ASSISTANTS

Dartford
Salary: Starting salary £13,959, with progression through contribution related pay to £15,826 per annum pro rata
Closing Date: Midday, 24th September 2008
20 hours per week, term time only, fixed term to August 2009. Tutors will be responsible for the planning, delivery and evaluation of sessions through a variety of media. As a Teaching Assistant you will provide support to students under guidance from the tutor. For both posts you will be committed to the welfare and education of vulnerable and disengaged students. These posts are subject to an Enhanced Disclosure from the Criminal Records Bureau. To apply, visit www.kent.gov.uk/jobs. Alternatively, please email or call us quoting the relevant reference number.

To apply/more information:
Kent County Council
Quoting Job Ref: CFE/08/0463
Tel: 0845 8247 904
Email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk

TUTORS - COMMUNICATION, DAILY LIVING SKILLS AND SPORTS/FITNESS

Canterbury
Salary: £17,010 pa
Closing Date: 28th September 2008
Cedar House is a 44-bed hospital offering secure services to people with learning disabilities and challenging behaviour. Do you want to work in a meaningful and challenging role in a stimulating environment? You will assess patient skills in your identified activity area, plan activities according to individual needs, produce individual learning plans and facilitate learner involvement setting positive, achievable targets in line with service guidelines. You will maintain daily records and submit detailed written reports on patient progress for reviews and assessment meetings. You will have previous experience of planning, delivering and evaluating activities and supporting adults within your identified activity area in a healthcare/learning disability environment. You will possess highly developed organisational skills, be able to manage own workload accordingly and possess a full UK Driving Licence and be willing to drive Company vehicles. An initial teaching qualification (C&G, 7303 PTLs (or equivalent) and activity area related qualification is desirable. 37.5 hours per

week. In return we offer a variety of benefits including Pension, Life Assurance, 30 days annual leave plus Bank Holidays, excellent training and development opportunities and positive management support. If you wish to be considered for any of these roles, please contact Reception for an application form, alternatively you can download an application form from our website www.careprinciples.com

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UNQUALIFIED TUTOR

Dartford
Salary: £14,751 to £23,331 per annum 3 year temporary contract
Closing Date: Midday, 24th September 2008
The Gravesend and Dartford Alternative Curriculum PRU is a newly re-established Pupil Referral Unit providing for disengaged and disaffected Key Stage 4 young people. It provides an innovative and exciting curriculum for students within a diverse and stimulating working environment. We are committed to delivering a high quality and genuinely imaginative education, focussed on the needs of young people. Posts are subject to an Enhanced Disclosure from the Criminal Records Bureau. To apply, visit www.kent.gov.uk/jobs. Alternatively, phone or email us quoting the relevant reference number.

To apply/more information:
Kent County Council
Quoting Job Ref: CFE/08/0462
Tel: 0845 8247 904
Email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk

Engineering, Manufacturing, Utilities

ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE ENGINEER
Maidstone
Salary: TBA
Reliance M&E Services is currently seeking an experienced electrical maintenance engineer to work on a Maidstone council contract.

Applicants should have a working knowledge of the building services industry in commercial and industrial buildings, plus have 16th/17th edition, 2391 test and inspection. Successful candidates will be proactive and have excellent attention to detail. In return you will receive a company van, a competitive salary and benefits package.

To apply/more information:
Steve Hooker
Reliance Facilities Management
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email steven.hooker@reliancefm.com

ENGINEERS

N/A
Salary: TBC
EADS is a global leader in aerospace, defence, security and related services. Defence Electronics, the Electronics House of EADS Defence & Security, develops and manufactures sensors, avionics and electronic warfare systems for military and security applications. For our locations in Ulm and Friedrichshafen in Southern Germany we are looking for engineers to fill the positions:
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design or equipment development
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• Integration, testing and operational performance verification of large electronic systems
Requirements
• Good University degree, PhD or Masters degree in Electronic/Communications Engineering
• Good negotiating skills with customers and sub-contractors
• Good understanding of operational usage of military radars and EW systems
• Ability to structure Radar / EW engineering tasks from requirement analysis through to in-service support
• Thorough knowledge of accepted development standards and processes
• Ability to lead and/or work in integrated development teams
• Ability to control and manage complex engineering tasks in time, schedule and cost
• Basic knowledge of German is desirable but not essential
For further information please contact +49 731 392 6123, or send an e-mail to Manuela.Holderried@eads.com
Please forward your application to the following address: EADS Deutschland GmbH Defence Electronics Human Resources Operations (HOUPO)
Weyherstrasse 85 89077 Ulm / Germany
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FIELD SERVICE ENGINEER

Kent
Salary: Attractive salary + bonus, company car, plus excellent benefits package
Closing Date: 20th September
Linx Printing Technologies is a leading global provider of coding and marking solutions for the batch and date coding of products and packaging across manufacturing industries. With a 21 year history, Linx has a reputation for technological innovation and quality. Part of the Danaher group, we value innovative and creative individuals with a passion for achieving great results and providing an excellent customer experience. We are seeking to strengthen our field service team and require a Field Service Engineer to cover the South East region of the UK. Responsible for installing, repairing and maintaining Linx equipment, as well as training customers at the basic level you will ideally have an ONC/HNC in Electrical/Electronic Engineering and the technical understanding and ability to work with electro-technical machinery. Excellent communication skills and the ability to build relationships with customers are a must, so customer facing experience would be a distinct advantage. You will be able to demonstrate a good knowledge of diagnostic methods and fault finding skills and be commercially minded. You will also have a structured procedural approach to problem solving. This is an excellent opportunity to join a growing company that is receptive to new ideas and supports career development. For further details about this vacancy please contact the HR Department. Applicants should submit a CV together with a covering letter and details of two referees to Sharon Budworth, HR Generalist, Linx Printing Technologies Ltd, Burrell Road,

WORKSHOP TECHNICIAN

Medway
Salary: £19,841 - £22,332 per annum
Closing Date: 12 September 2008
An opportunity exists for a Workshop Technician within the School of Engineering, Wolfson Centre Laboratories, Medway Campus. The duties will include the construction of test rigs and apparatus principally within the Wolfson Centre for Bulk Solids Handling Technology. Applicants should have a sound technical education and knowledge of manufacturing techniques. Experience in the use of handling equipment is desirable. In addition, experience of the use of IT within processing industries would be an advantage. You will need to work on your own initiative but also as part of team. We aim to be an equal opportunities employer and welcome applications from all sections of the community. To obtain further particulars and an application form visit our website www.gre.ac.uk, email: jobs@gre.ac.uk or write to the Personnel Office, University of Greenwich, Avery Hill Road, London, SE9 2UG quoting the job reference.

To apply/more information:

St Ives, Cambridgeshire PE27 3LA. You may also email your application.
To apply/more information:
Sharon Budworth
Linx Printing Technologies
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01480 302103
Email hr@linx.co.uk

MECHANICAL ENGINEER

Folkstone
Salary: Competitive salaries + excellent benefits
A successful and growing business needs great people - and that's exactly why we need you. Already the leading provider of products and services for the over 50s market, we're going from strength to strength. Our latest exciting development is to convert the ex-Eurotunnel building in Cheriton to state-of-the-art new offices. So there's never been a better time to join us - or to enjoy superb benefits including a subsidised staff restaurant, social club, medical insurance, pension and concessions for holidays and travel. Joining our small in-house team, you'll enjoy plenty of variety. A multi-skilled mechanical and electrical engineer, you must be able to work well on your own initiative. If you'd like to be part of our exciting future, please write enclosing your CV and current remuneration details to Lisa Horton, HR Executive, Saga Group Limited, The Saga Building, Enbrook Park, Folkstone, Kent CT20 3SE or e-mail human.resources@saga.co.uk

Alternatively, call 01303 774888 for an application form or download one from our website. Please quote the relevant reference number in your application. **Closing Date:** 17 September 2008
To apply/more information:
Lisa Horton
Saga
Quoting Job Ref: SG241
Tel: 01303 774888
Email human.resources@saga.co.uk

MECHANICAL ESTIMATOR

Canterbury
Salary: TBC
Must have firm knowledge and understanding of Building Services Industry and fully conversant with HVCAs products. Self motivated and enjoys a challenge. Office in Wingham (Canterbury). Please contact Dominic.
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Folkestone
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Closing Date: 17 September 2008

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Saga
Quoting Job Ref: SG242
Tel: 01303 774888
Email human.resources@saga.co.uk

WASTE OPERATIVE

Lydd
Salary: circ. £14,000
Closing Date: 11/09/2008
Duties to carry out waste segregation operations for all site waste at the waste compound. To collect waste from sites. Liaise with military training units as required on waste issues. Liaise with the authority staff to process spent pyrotechnics and ammunition to the correct waste free from explosive containers. Co-ordinate waste collections from the compound also maintain and process all waste transfer notes. To adhere to Company Health & Safety Policies and Procedures. You will need a good understanding of health and safety Effective communication and have a flexible approach Establish maintain and develop effective working relationships Work on own or in team Enjoy working outdoors Ability to travel. Full UK driving licence Please note this post may require the following vaccinations; tetanus, polio and, if required, hepatitis a.

To apply/more information: Sue Whittaker
Landmarc Support Services Limited
Quoting Job Ref: SE-ATR-0199
Tel: 01303 225964
Email susan.whittaker@landmarc.mod.uk

HR, Recruitment

RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING OFFICERS

N/A
Salary: Starting salary £20,061
Closing Date: 23rd September 2008
West Kent and East Kent KEY Training Services deliver an exciting range of innovative training programmes to people

aged 14-upwards. As one of the largest workbased training providers in Kent, we offer a wide range of Vocational and Pre-vocational programmes and qualifications across 5 centres in Kent. Working with KEY provides you with excellent Professional Development Opportunities. Our Open Door programme is an innovative confidence and motivational course, which provides young people aged 16-25 with the skills they need for further training and employment. This position is learner focused, fast paced, and above all rewarding. To succeed, you will need to be able to deliver motivational and confidence training, whilst supporting, guiding and developing young people and engaging and encouraging employers to support young people in work placements. Developing, implementing and researching new training ideas along with responding to change and using your initiative, will all be part of your remit. If you have these competencies we would like you to join our team. This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau.

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Quoting Job Ref: CMY/08/0210.
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Email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk

Industrial, Warehouse, Factory

FACTORY OPERATIVES

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Red Eagle Recruitment
Quoting Job Ref: kos
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PART TIME PACKHOUSE OPERATIVES

Sittingbourne
Salary: TBC
Monday to Friday (Morning or afternoon shifts: 9.00 am - 12.30 pm • 1.30 pm - 5.00 pm)
For further details, please ring Jo Watson on 01795 844232 to apply. Due to our location your own transport is essential. Brokerparks Ltd Breach Lane Newington Kent ME9 7PE
To apply/more information: Jo Watson
Brokerparks Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01795 844232
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Information Tech, Internet, Telecoms

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING COMPUTING OFFICER

Medway
Salary: £19,841 – £22,332 per annum
Closing Date: 12 September 2008
An opportunity exists for a Computing Officer within the School of Engineering at the University of Greenwich at

Medway. The duties will include provision of laboratory support to academic staff and students principally within the School's Computing and Communications Laboratories at Medway. Applicants should have a sound technical education and knowledge of computing technology and communications networks. Experience in the use of network systems and server/client models is desirable, as is experience in the use of change management systems. In addition, experience of the use of IT within an educational establishment would be an advantage. You will need to work on your own initiative but also as part of team. To obtain further particulars and an application form visit our website www.gre.ac.uk, email: jobs@gre.ac.uk or write to the Personnel Office, University of Greenwich, Avery Hill Road, London, SE9 2UG quoting the job reference.
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SYSTEMS SUPPORT TECHNICIAN

Medway
Salary: £28,290 - £32,795 per annum
Closing Date: 12 September 2008

We are seeking to recruit an experienced Systems Support Technician to assist in the management, support and ongoing maintenance of the shared desktop and associated server infrastructure, providing services to the Universities at Medway. You will participate in the creation, implementation and testing of the shared desktop and will be responsible for maintaining the image and ensuring all desktop and server infrastructure is regularly patched and updated. You will make recommendations for improvements and implement any additional services required by the Drill Hall and ensure that the necessary security and backup/recovery procedures are in place. You must have significant experience in both server and desktop technologies and have been responsible for installing and supporting environments running Windows XP and Server 2003. You must have experience with administering Active Directory, particularly group policy management and software distribution. Any experience of Novell Netware/Unix/Linux, VMware, Vista, RIS/WDS/WSUS and application packaging is highly desirable. Occasionally you may be expected to provide first line support duties within the library. It is essential that you have strong interpersonal skills and are able to communicate well at all levels. This is an opportunity to join a unique partnership within the university field. To obtain further particulars and an application form visit our website www.gre.ac.uk, email: jobs@gre.ac.uk or write to the Personnel Office, University of Greenwich, Avery Hill Road, London, SE9 2UG quoting the job reference.
To apply/more information: University of Greenwich
Quoting Job Ref: 01053/K3
Email jobs@gre.ac.uk

WEEKEND SERVICES CO-ORDINATOR (FIXED TERM FOR 2 YEARS)

Medway
Salary: pro rata to £23,002 – £27,466 per annum
Closing Date: 12 September 2008
We are looking for an enthusiastic and energetic person to join our Drill Hall library team. You will have the role of managing the weekend support team (1 member of reception/security and 2 student workers) to provide a seamless IT and library support service to students of the Universities at Medway – currently comprising of students from Canterbury Christ Church, University of Greenwich, University of Kent and Mid Kent College. You will have a background of library or IT helpdesk or HE education. You will have a knowledge or willingness to learn online information products and some specialist software. Excellent knowledge of Microsoft Office is essential. The post is fixed term for two years as we may wish to evaluate the service we are offering. The post is for 17.5 hours a week for 35 weeks. We need to provide cover between September and July on Saturdays and Sundays: 10.45 am – 5.15 pm plus five and a half hours during the week, ideally Friday 12.00 pm – 6.00 pm. Information and Library services are committed to the development of our staff and good training opportunities include e-learning courses, IT development and a lively programme of professional updating. This post is fixed term for 2 years. To obtain further particulars and an application form visit our website www.gre.ac.uk, email: jobs@gre.ac.uk or write to the Personnel Office, University of Greenwich, Avery Hill Road, London, SE9 2UG quoting the job reference.
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Email sue.wenham@belmontint.com

Management, Senior Positions

CONTACT CENTRE SUPERVISOR

Maidstone
Salary: Starting salary £18,288 + 10% Shift Allowance with progression through contribution related pay to £20,061 + 10% Shift Allowance per annum
Closing Date: Midday, 19 September 2008
The Kent County Council Contact Centre operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week from our state-of-the-art, central Maidstone location. Working 8pm - 8am on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and alternate Sundays and to cover bank holidays, you will supervise and develop your team, ensuring the provision of an efficient, highly professional and customer focused out of hour's service to the customers of Kent County Council. You will have demonstrated competence

in a customer-focused role, with a proven ability to motivate a team in what is a potentially pressured role. It's a varied role that focuses on the coaching, development and appraisal of your team. With excellent verbal and written communication skills, you'll be PC literate and have the ability to prioritise the workload of the team in a logical and methodical manner. This will include the need to balance the requirements of call taking and delivering admin support to the Centre. An enthusiastic approach to this role is essential, as is the ability to be flexible in a constantly developing environment. If you are looking for a job that fits with your life and provides a challenge please contact us.

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OFFICE MANAGER

Bexley
Salary: NJC Scale 6 - point 26 - 28 (£23,097 - £24,528)
Closing Date: Tuesday 16th September 2008
(36 Hours per week - 52 Weeks per year)
We are seeking to appoint a full time office manager to take responsibility for the management of a very busy school office. Townley Grammar School for Girls is a popular over-subscribed girls' selective school constructed on a 17 acre site with Performing and Visual Arts status. The school enjoys an excellent relationship with the community and a high reputation for quality and achievement. The successful applicant will manage the school office, including a team of eight administration assistants and should be flexible and able to prioritise their workload.

Significant experience of working in a school office is essential as well as initiative and discretion. Good word processing skills, good communication skills both verbal and written are essential as is knowledge of SIMS. Application forms and further details are available from Theresa Howard PA to the Head Teacher, to whom completed forms should be returned by Tuesday 16th September 2008. The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. The School operates a no smoking policy.
To apply/more information: Theresa Howard
Townley Grammar School for Girls
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 020-8304-8311
Email admin@townleygrammar.org.uk

Motor Trade, Driver
BODYSHOP STAFF
Sittingbourne
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HEAD OF BEHAVIOUR PUPIL REFERRAL UNITS

Maidstone
Salary: Starting salary £46,535, with progression through contribution related pay to £53,422 per annum
Closing Date: Midday, 19th September 2008
This is an exciting post in the dynamic and evolving structure of Children's Services in Kent. You will take a strategic lead in the continued development of Pupil Referral Units across the County, and will therefore have responsibility for professional support, development and standards of the Behaviour PRUs. As part of the commissioning cycle, you will proactively monitor, support and challenge Local Children's Service Partnerships to ensure access to a diverse range of effective educational provision for all children attending PRUs. Ensuring effective monitoring systems are established and implemented according to agreed Local Authority policies and national guidance is essential. Already a highly successful manager in a school, Local Authority or equivalent, with a detailed knowledge of Alternative Provision and the capacity to improve services in a large, excellent authority you will be a key member of the Attendance and Behaviour Service Senior Management Team. Interview date: 6th October 2008. These posts are subject to an Enhanced Disclosure from the Criminal Records Bureau. To apply, visit www.kent.gov.uk/jobs or contact us by phone or email, quoting the relevant reference number.
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Folkestone
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To apply/more information: Matt Smith
SMS Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01303 297090
Email matt@staffingmadesimple.co.uk

MOTOR VEHICLE MECHANIC/TECHNICIAN

Hythe
Salary: TBC
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David Fagg
B & D Specialist Cars
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Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

VALETER

Canterbury
Salary: TBC
Valeter required to clean both inside and outside of Motorhomes. Recruitment Day/Evening On Wednesday 10th September 2008 From 3-7pm. Brownhills Motorhomes offer excellent working conditions, a competitive salary and generous holidays and are committed to equal opportunities. Howfield Lane, Chartham, Canterbury, Kent CT4 7HG
To apply/more information: Brownhills Motorhomes
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01227 738990
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Thanet
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Closing Date: 19th September 2008
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To apply/more information: Invicta Motors
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email Mollie.Cooper@invictamotors.com

Not for profit, Charities

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N/A
Salary: Voluntary, but expenses paid
Closing Date: 12 September 2008
Are you interested in Kent's Health and Social Care Services? Do you have skills or experience to help oversee an organisation that will enable more local people to become involved in the development of their services? Contact Kent & Medway Networks to find out more by e-mail at info@kmm-ntd.co.uk or by telephone on 01303 297050. Closing date for expressions of interest: Friday 12 September 2008.
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Quoting Job Ref: kos
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To apply/more information: Meridian Care
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01227 712300 / 01304 240424
Email MeridianBury@aol.com

FULL TIME CARER

Folkestone
Salary: TBC
Required for elderly residential home. Post subject to CRB Disclosure. Cost to be met by applicant.
To apply/more information: Cumbria House Residential Home
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01303 254019
Email cumbriahouse@ashwoodhealthcare.co.uk

NEWLY QUALIFIED SOCIAL WORKER

Canterbury
Salary: £25,577 pa (pro-rata for part time)
Closing Date: 28th September 2008
Cedar House is a 44-bed hospital offering secure services to people with learning disabilities and challenging behaviour. Do you want to work in a meaningful and challenging role in a stimulating environment? You will support in providing a comprehensive social work service to patients, including treatment plans, discharge and transfer arrangements, social work reports, liaising with families/relatives regarding patient progress and facilitating home visits where appropriate. You will support the Senior Social Worker in delivering a high calibre, visible social work service to the unit. You will possess a Diploma in Social Work or recognised equivalent and must be registered or eligible to register as a Qualified Social Worker with the General Social Care Council (GSCC). You will possess previous experience working within a healthcare/learning disability environment and will have comprehensive understanding of the Mental Health Act 1983, Care Standards Act 2000 and other relevant legislation and be able to work according to these requirements. In return we offer a variety of benefits including Pension, Life Assurance, 30 days annual leave plus Bank Holidays, excellent training and development opportunities and positive management support. If you wish to be considered for any of these roles, please contact Reception for an application form, alternatively you can download an application form from our website www.careprinciples.com

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Canterbury
Salary: £9,800 pa
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To apply/more information:
Care Principles
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: (01227) 833700
Email: applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

ROTA AND KPI CO-ORDINATOR

Canterbury
Salary: £17,010 pa
Closing Date: 28th September 2008
Cedar House is a 44-bed hospital offering secure services to people with learning disabilities and challenging behaviour. Do you want to work in a meaningful and challenging role in a stimulating environment? You will have overall responsibility for the management of 4 weekly rosters and co-ordinating the resourcing requirements of the nursing and care department, including allocating overtime, agency and bank shifts to staff. You will manage the Time Attendance Rostering System (TARS), ensuring accurate information is inputted, and the collation and production of accurate unit operational KPIs. You will possess previous experience of rostering (both creation and management) and experience in dealing with and analysing statistical and financial information. You will have excellent communication and IT skills, be able to work independently and as a part of a team and be able to work to deadlines in a pressurised environment. 37.5 hours per week in return we offer a variety of benefits including Pension, Life Assurance, 30 days annual leave plus Bank Holidays, excellent training and development opportunities and positive management support. If you wish to be considered for any of these roles, please contact Reception for an application form, alternatively you can download an application form from our website www.careprinciples.com. Appointments are subject to Criminal Records Bureau

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SENIOR CARER

Folkestone
Salary: TBC
Required for elderly residential home. Must have NQV Level 3 in care and at least one years experience. Post subject to CRB Disclosure. Cost to be met by applicant.

To apply/more information:
Cumbria House Residential Home
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01303 254019
Email: cumbria@house.co.uk
ashwoodhealthcare.co.uk

SOCIAL WORK SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER

Canterbury
Salary: £31,040 pa – 37.5 hours per week
Closing Date: 28th September 2008
Cedar House is a 44-bed hospital offering secure services to people with learning disabilities and challenging behaviour. Do you want to work in a meaningful and challenging role in a stimulating environment? The post holder will provide a comprehensive social work service to the patient group, including pre-admission assessments, treatment plans, discharge arrangements, social work reports and attending internal and external meetings as appropriate. You will actively promote and enhance social work practices to the highest standard and provide social work advice based on sound evidence and best practice to members of the multi-disciplinary and senior management team. You will lead the Social Work department in developing a strategic plan for the progression of the social work service within the unit, providing visible social work leadership and input. You must have comprehensive experience of working in a social work role within a learning disability/mental health setting together with previous supervisory experience. You will have an in-depth understanding of the Mental Health Act 1983, Care Standards Act 2000, relevant legislation and best practice and be able to work according to these requirements. Relevant qualifications and valid registration with the General Social Care Council (GSCC) are required for this role. In return we offer a variety of benefits including Pension, Life Assurance, 30 days annual leave plus Bank Holidays, excellent training and development opportunities and positive management support. If you wish to be considered for any of these roles, please contact Reception for an application form, alternatively you can download an application form from our website www.careprinciples.com. Appointments are subject to Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure. We are an equal opportunity employer committed to developing our staff.

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supporting patients with daily activities, educational programmes, behavioural support programmes and leisure activities. Ideally, candidates will possess an NQV Level 2 (Health & Social Care) qualification or equivalent along with previous experience working in a similar role, or within a healthcare/learning disabilities environment. However we are also keen to hear from any candidates who feel that through life experience, can offer excellent care and support to our patients. Average 37.5 hours per week on shift basis (incorporating weekends & nights). In return we offer a variety of benefits including competitive hourly rates, Pension, full induction programme, training and development opportunities and Life Assurance. If you wish to be considered for this role, please contact our Reception to request an application form or alternatively you can download an application form from our website www.careprinciples.com. Please quote reference number. Appointments are subject to Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure. We are an equal opportunity employer committed to developing our staff.

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To apply/more information:
Thomson Local
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01252 390990
Email: distribution@thomsonlocal.com

Public Sector, Social Services

CONTROL CENTRE OPERATOR

Folkestone
Salary: £17,469 to £21,165 pro rata - 28 hours per week
Closing Date: 12th September 2008
We are seeking a highly motivated and pro-active Control Operator to provide an effective and responsive monitoring service to clients, stakeholders and partners of both the Lifeline and CCTV Services. The post-holder will respond to calls for assistance and take appropriate action by giving advice or utilising a response service to resolve difficulties or crisis situations. A calm disposition and an ability to multi-task whilst working in a very busy and pressurised environment is critical. Good administration and team-working skills will be essential in this role. Our service is operational 24 hours a day 365

days of the year, therefore shift working and unsocial hours are the norm. The Control Centre is BSI and TSA Accredited, therefore high standards are expected & maintained in all areas of service delivery. Prior to taking up appointment a CRB Police Check and Airwaves clearance will be essential as well as an undertaking to train for relevant qualifications and licences. For an informal discussion about this post contact Shelley Sqaunce, Supported Housing & CCTV Manager on 01303 242971. Application details can be downloaded at www.shepway.gov.uk, or email jobs@shepway.gov.uk alternatively call our 24 hour answerphone service on 01303 853481.

To apply/more information:
Shepway District Council
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01303 853481
Email: jobs@shepway.gov.uk

EARLY YEARS ADVISORY TEACHER

N/A
Salary: Starting salary £29,920
Closing Date: 23rd September 2008
Homebased Working with the private and voluntary sector within the Shepway Rural locality, you will offer advice, support training and quality assurance. This post is suitable for a qualified teacher with Early Years experience, with an excellent understanding and working knowledge of the Foundation Stage Curriculum, and the needs of young children and their families. You must be able to demonstrate the ability to understand and work with a wide range of providers and external agencies. Excellent communication skills are therefore essential as well as knowledge of additional and special education needs would be advantageous. When applying please state if you are interested in a full time or part time position.

To apply/more information:
Kent County Council
Quoting Job Ref: CFE/08/0446
Tel: 0845 8247 904
Email: recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk

TREASURE CHEST RESOURCE CENTRE ASSISTANT

Canterbury
Salary: Starting salary £13,959
Closing Date: 18th September 2008
We are looking to appoint a new post holder to help with the day to day running of the centre. Working as part of a team, the post holder will be responsible for:

- Carrying out routine tasks and general office duties including dealing with queries and taking orders over the telephone, by fax and by e-mail and assisting with maintaining the database of orders.
- Collecting and collating ordered stock ready for loading on the delivery vehicles.
- Assisting with checking returned goods and ensuring the centre and the stock is kept clean and minor repairs are undertaken. This is a very friendly team and training is offered.

To apply/more information:
Kent County Council
Quoting Job Ref: CFE/08/0444
Tel: 01304 849043
Email: recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk

TREASURE CHEST RESOURCE CENTRE REGIONAL DRIVER/ CO-ORDINATOR

Canterbury
Salary: Starting salary £16,627
Closing Date: 18th September 2008
We wish to appoint a driver/co-ordinator to work within the team, who will be responsible

for:

- Maintaining and developing links with providers of Foundation Stage learning, Children's Centres and Out of School providers across the West Kent region.
- Promoting Treasure Chest loans to increase membership take up.
- Updating records and providing advice on stock selection.
- Delivering and collecting resources, (a vehicle is provided and the post holder will need to have a full, clean driving licence and be able to undertake the necessary manual lifting and handling).
- Ensuring the vehicle is cleaned regularly and maintenance checks are undertaken. This is an exciting role and we offer opportunities for training and career progression.

To apply/more information:
Kent County Council
Quoting Job Ref: CFE/08/0442
Tel: 01304 849043
Email: recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk

TREASURE CHEST RESOURCE CENTRE SUPPORT OFFICER

Canterbury
Salary: Starting salary £15,826
Closing Date: 18th September 2008
Following the promotion of the current post holder, Treasure Chest is looking to appoint a Support Officer to help co-ordinate the smooth administration of the resource centre. Working as part of a team, the post holder will be responsible for:

- Maintaining records of equipment delivered in and out and ordering stationery and stock for the service.
- Dealing with incoming and outgoing correspondence by preparing and typing letters, memoranda, reports for managerial meetings and collating or originating material for other documents, as required.
- Monitoring and maintaining the Treasure Chest memberships database, assisting in promoting the service and providing reports as appropriate.

To apply/more information:
Tammy Winstone
Kent County Council
Quoting Job Ref: CFE/08/0443
Tel: 01304 849043
Email: recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk

TREATMENT FOSTER CARE PROJECT OFFICERS

Folkestone
Salary: Starting salary £22,825
Closing Date: 18th September 2008
Temporarily at Brockman Family Centre, Folkestone Multi-dimensional Treatment Foster Care is a specifically designed fostering programme for Looked after young people aged 11-16 years who aren't able to live with their own parents or mainstream foster carer. It involves each young person having an intensive programme of support, activities, treatments and therapy alongside a system of rewards and consequences to bring about lasting change in their lives. We are looking for two skilled trainers one full time post and one part-time fixed term contract until 31/3/2009 to join our multi-agency staff team. You will spend a lot of time with young people, encouraging them to explore new and interesting hobbies and activities. These posts present the right applicants with a unique opportunity to broaden their experience and develop behaviour management skills which would be transferable to many other education or social care settings. If you have experience of working effectively with disaffected young people, are able to form positive working relationships with a range of other professionals in order to bring

about better outcomes for young people we would like to hear from you.

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Kent County Council
Quoting Job Ref: CFE/08/0460
Tel: 0845 8247 904
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Retail, Wholesale, Sales

CHARITY SHOP MANAGER

Medway
Salary: tba
Closing Date: 24th September, 2008
Our charity shops raise vital funds to support our work caring for life limited children and supporting their families. 22.5 hours per week to include some Saturdays. You must be:

- Experienced in Retail Management
- Able to work alongside volunteers, providing support and motivation
- Highly numerate and organised
- Resourceful in building links/support from local community
- Knowledgeable of health and safety best practice
- Computer literate (training can be given).

For an application pack please call our recruitment line on 01795 845295 reaching the post you are interested in

To apply/more information:
Demeiza House
Quoting Job Ref: kos
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Email: info@demeiza.org.uk

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Ashford
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Ashford based publisher is looking to recruit Part Time Telesales agents. 9.30am-1.30pm Mon-Fri (20hrs) MUST HAVE EXPERIENCE

To apply/more information:
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Tel: (01233) 643574
Email: admin@pluspublishing.co.uk

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Canterbury
Salary: TBC
You must have a proved track record in a volume based environment. Motor trade or caravan sales experience would be advantageous, although this is not essential as full training will be given. Enthusiasm and drive is a must as is strong communication and customer handling skills. Recruitment Day/Evening On Wednesday 10th September 2008 From 3-7pm Brownhills Motorhomes offer excellent working conditions, a competitive salary and generous holidays and are committed to equal opportunities. Howfield Lane, Chatham, Canterbury, Kent CT4 7HG

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Email: applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

TRADE COUNTER SALES ASSISTANT

Gillingham
Salary: TBC
Required by The Bathroom Merchants Ltd, 40 Napier Road, ME7 4HD Wagon according to experience and capability Call or email.

To apply/more information:
Bathroom Merchants Ltd (The)
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Tel: 07989 567284
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(Bedlam Lane, Smarden) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because demolition and replacement of a culvert is proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Bedlam Lane, Smarden from a point 500 metres north east of its junction with Rosemary Lane for 50 metres north eastward, on 15 September 2008, for an estimated period of eight weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Bedlam Lane, Headcorn Road, Bell Lane, The Pincock, Munday Bois Road, Crockenhill Road, Forstal Road, Bedlam Lane, Egerton, Bedlam Lane, Smarden.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(CANTERBURY ROAD A252, CHALLOCK, MOLASH AND CHILHAM) (ROAD CLOSURE) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that to allow highway works to take place that Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on part of Canterbury Road, A252 between its junction with A251 Faversham Road, Challock to its junction with A28 Canterbury Road, Chilham on or after 10th September 2008 for an estimated period of two week's or for a period not exceeding 18 months.

The alternative route for the location described above is Buck Street, Faversham Road and Canterbury Road

Advance road works information boards will be placed prior to works commencing on site, giving details as to when works are scheduled to commence and expected duration.

Order will only be effective when the appropriate signs are displayed.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(BETHERSDEN ROAD, BETHERSDEN) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Bethersden Road, Bethersden at Luckhurst Farm on or after Monday 8th September 2008 for a period of up to 4 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is for eastbound traffic via Potkin Lane, Ashford Road, Biddenden Road, Tenterden Road, North Street and Smarden Road and for westbound traffic vice versa.

EDF Energy Limited apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary to allow for a new electrical supply to Luckhurst Farm, and should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Mark Apps of Murphy Limited on 07920 150842.

Highways - District of Canterbury**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**

(Grove Ferry Road) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because carriageway haunching works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Grove Ferry Road from its junction with Grove Road to the property called the Boathouse, on or after 8 September 2008 for an estimated period of three weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Grove Road, Stourmouth Road, Preston Road, The Street, A253 Ramsgate Road, A28 Island Road, and Grove Ferry Hill.

Highways - Borough of Dartford**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**

(MISKIN ROAD, DARTFORD) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 2008 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that Kent County Council proposes to make an Order under Sections 1 and 2 and 124 of and part IV of Schedule 9 the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will prohibit the waiting of vehicles "At Any Time" and "Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm" on various lengths of Miskin Road, Dartford.

A copy of the proposed Order, an explanatory statement and a map showing the extents of the scheme may be inspected during normal office hours at the Kent County Council Offices, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX and Dartford Borough Council Offices, Civic Centre, Home Gardens, Dartford Kent, DA1 1DR

Anyone wishing to support, or object to this proposal should write to Diane Bourne, Jacobs UK Ltd, Miller House, Lower Stone Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6GB quoting the name of the Order and reference No "B0322500" and stating their reasons, by not later than Monday 29th September 2008.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

SHELLBANK LANE, DARENTH (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Shellbank Lane, Darenth between Green Street Green Road and High Street, Bean.

The Order will become effective on 15th September 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to take 3 weeks. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: High Street Bean, Southfleet Road, Sandbanks Hill, Green Street Road.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate Water Mains replacement and connections works.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

WHITEHILL ROAD, LONGFIELD (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Whitehill Road, Longfield between its junctions with High Cross Road and Main Road.

The Order will become effective on 8th September 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to take 1 week and commence on 22nd September 2008. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Green Street Green Road, Sandbanks Hill and Highcross Road

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate cabling and desilting works on behalf of BT.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

SANDBANKS HILL, DARTFORD (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Sandbanks Hill, between Green Street Green Road and Southfleet Road/Highcross Road junction.

The Order will become effective on 8th September 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to take 1 week. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Green Street Green Road, Whitehill Road and Highcross Road

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate Carriageway repairs.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

WOOD LANE, DARENTH (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Wood Lane, Darenth from its junction with Green Street Green Road for a distance of 20m.

The Order will become effective on 8th September 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to take 2 weeks. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Green Street Green Road, Darenth Hill and restricted access on Wood Lane.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate the installation of a new water main and connections.

Highways - Borough of Gravesham**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**

LUDDESDOWN ROAD, LUDDESDOWN (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Luddesdown Road, Luddesdown between Luddesdown Church and its junction with Dean Road.

The Order will become effective on 8th September 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to take 1 week. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Cutters Ridge Road, Buckland Road, Lockyers Hill, Strawberry Hill and Dean Road.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate tree root investigations and carriageway repairs.

Highways - Borough of Maidstone**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**

(BARMING BRIDGE, BARMING) (PROHIBITION OF PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by pedestrian traffic on Barming Bridge, Barming on or after 22nd September 2008 for a period of up to 3 weeks or until the works are completed, as indicated by signage on site.

The alternative route for the route described above is for southbound pedestrian traffic via public footpath KM4, Farleigh Bridge, Station Road, Lower Road, St Helens Lane and for northbound pedestrian traffic vice versa.

Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused, which is necessary for bridge painting. Should you require any further information regarding these works the contact is Jon Adkins on 08458 247 800.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(A249 DETLING HILL/ SITTINGBOURNE ROAD AT DETLING, THURNHAM AND STOCKBURY) (10MPH CONVOY WORKING SPEED RESTRICTION) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because of the likelihood of danger to the public using a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic traveling at any speed greater than 10mph and the implementation of convoy working. This restriction will be at various locations as required between the roundabout at junction 7 of the M20 motorway and Stockbury roundabout at junction 5 of the M2 motorway in both directions.

The order will become effective on 22nd September 2008 and will be in operation at times when required over a period of 1 year when indicated by signage on site.

Interroute apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary to facilitate resurfacing and detector loop installation. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Paul Stace on 01634 385500.

Highways - District of Sevenoaks**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**

HIGHLANDS HILL, SWANLEY (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Highlands Hill, Swanley between its junctions with Beechenlea Lane and School Lane

The Order will become effective on 22nd September 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to take 1 day. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Button Street, Azo London Road, B2173 London Road, B258 High Street, B258 Swanley Lane.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate poling works by BT.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

BOTSOM LANE, WEST KINGSDOWN (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Botsom Lane, West Kingsdown for its entire length.

The Order will become effective on 8th September 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to take 3 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Azo London Road, Main Road Gorse Hill, A225 Eynsford Road, Beesfield Lane and Maplescombe Lane

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate the installation of a new water service.

Highways - District of Shepway**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**

(A20 Ashford Road, M20/Junction 12 Cheriton Interchange, Folkestone) (30MPH SPEED LIMIT) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst the works are carried out on or near the highway, the Kent County Council Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic travelling at any speed in excess of 30 miles per hour on the route described in the schedule to this order.

The Order will become effective on or after 8 September 2008 for an estimated period of six weeks or until such works are complete or for a period not exceeding 18 months at such times and such extent as shall be indicated by traffic signs.

Schedule

A20 Ashford Road, M20/Junction 12 Cheriton Interchange, Folkestone.

On the western approach to the roundabout, from the Give Way markings, westward along the A20 Ashford Road for a distance of 1100 metres to its junction with Newington Road

Highways - Borough of Swale**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**

(GREAT EAST HALL WAY, EAST HALL FARM, SITTINGBOURNE) (PROHIBITION OF RIGHT AND LEFT HAND TURNS) ORDER 2008 (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) ORDER 2008 (BUS LANE) ORDER 2008 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that Kent County Council proposes to make an Order under Sections 1 and 2 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which would be to install bus priority lanes on, and prohibit entry into Great East Hall Way, East Hall Farm, Sittingbourne.

A copy of the proposed Order, an explanatory statement and a map showing the extents of the scheme may be inspected during normal office hours at The Kent County Council Offices, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone Kent, ME14 1XQ and at Swale Borough Council Offices, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT.

Anyone wishing to support, or object to this proposal should write to Diane Bourne, Jacobs Engineering UK Ltd, Miller House, Lower Stone Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6GB quoting the name of the Order and reference No "B0550000" and stating their reasons, by not later than Monday 29th September 2008

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(Park Road, Faversham) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because Thin Surfacing works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Park Road, Faversham from its junction with Chapel Street to its junction with East Street on or after 8 September 2008 for an estimated period of three days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via East Street, Newton Road, Station Road, St Mary's Road, St John's Road and Chapel Street.

This order will come into force on Monday 8 September 2008, will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected, and will remain valid for a maximum period of eighteen months. The order will allow the above-mentioned restrictions to be implemented as and when required for works of a similar nature at any time for the duration of the order.

**For further information, please contact Geoff Mee,
Director for Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate)
or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways**



The Insolvency Act 1986
DRS RECRUITMENT LIMITED
 (Company Number 05857602)
 Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 90 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Wembley Point, 1 Harrow Road, Wembley, HA9 6DE, on 11 September 2008, at 11.30 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the Insolvency Act 1986. The Resolutions to be taken at the Meeting may include a Resolution specifying the basis on which the Liquidator is to be remunerated, and the Meeting may receive information about, or be called upon to approve, the costs of preparing the Statement of Affairs, and the convening of the Meeting.
 A form of proxy must be duly completed and lodged together with a written statement of claim at Sharma & Co, 257 Hagley Road, Birmingham B16 9NA, not later than 12.00 noon on the preceding day of the Meeting if you wish to vote at the Meeting.
 Notice is also given that secured Creditors (unless they surrender their security), must give particulars of their security, the date when it was given and its value if they wish to vote at the Meeting.
 In accordance with Section 98(2)(b), a list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection, free of charge, from Mrs Gagen Sharma MIPA, MAARP at Sharma & Co, 257 Hagley Road, Birmingham B16 9NA, on the two business days preceding the date of the Meeting, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm.
 Dated: 8 August 2008
 By Order of the Board
 Mrs D Husley, Director

The Insolvency Act 1986
WEARDALE FISH FARMS LIMITED
 (In Liquidation)
 I, Simon James Underwood of Benedict Mackenzie, 62 Wilson Street, London, EC2A 2BU give notice that I was appointed Liquidator of the above-named company on 2 September 2008.
 Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above named company which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before 14 October 2008 to prove their debts by sending to the undersigned, Simon James Underwood of Benedict Mackenzie, 62 Wilson Street, London, EC2A 2BU, the Liquidator of the company, written statements of the amounts they claim to be due to them from the company and, if so requested, to provide such further details or produce such documentary evidence as may appear to the Liquidator to be necessary. A creditor who has not proved this debt before the declaration of any dividend is not entitled to disturb, by reason that he has not participated in it, the distribution of that dividend or any other dividend declared before his debt was proved.
 Dated 2 September 2008
 Simon James Underwood, Liquidator

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR VARIATION
 -OF PREMISES LICENCE UNDER
 THE LICENSING ACT 2003.**

Jennifer Rose Poulter applied to Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council on 2nd September 2008 for a variation to the licence to use the premises known as Savoy Snooker Club, 4 High Street, Snodland, Kent ME6 5DF. The application seeks an increase in authorised hours for the sale of alcohol from 09.00 to 01.30, the provision of late night refreshment from 23.00 to 02.30 and the provision of live music from 09.00 to 00.00 and films 09.00 to 02.30. Opening hours are to be 09.00 to 02.30.
 There may be occasions when midnight tournaments are held (no more than one per month). On such occasions it is proposed that the premises remain open to 07.00. The sale of alcohol on such occasions will cease at 01.30, however late night refreshment will be served to 07.00. Representations should be made in writing to the Department of Legal Services, Licensing Manager, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4LZ by 4th October 2008.
 Persons wishing to inspect the Licensing Register may do so at the above address between the hours of 08.30 - 17.00 Monday to Friday. It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application which carries a maximum fine of £5000.

Highways - District of Thanet

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(Addington Street, Ramsgate) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because new water supply works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Addington Street, Ramsgate from its junction with Hertford Place to its junction with Addington Place on or after 22 September 2008 for an estimated period of 5 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via B2054 Paragon, St Augustines Road, Grange Road, West Cliff Road, Hertford Street & Hertford Place.

Specified Road	Length of road affected	Alternative routes
Addington Street	From the junction with Hertford Place to its junction with Addington Place.	B2054 Paragon, St Augustines Road, Grange Road, West Cliff Road, Hertford Street & Hertford Place.
Addington Street	Suspension of existing one way traffic order between Nelson Crescent and Addington Place.	N/A

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(Albion Street Broadstairs) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because new gas supply works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Albion Street Broadstairs from its junction with Harbour Street to its junction with Charlotte Street on or after 08 September 2008 for an estimated period of 5 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Nelson Place, Crow Hill, Lindenthorpe Road, Carlton Avenue and High Street.

For further information, please contact Geoff Mee,
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Vauxhall flexes its eco muscle with Astra Star

By **STEVE LOADER**

EVERYBODY'S doing it – bringing out leaner and greener sub-brands.

VW started it with BlueMotion versions of key models, Ford has ECOnetic and now General Motors' Vauxhall has launched the first of many ecoFLEX versions of its premier ranges – other makers are waiting in the wings with branding inspired by buyers' need to save motoring costs and be seen to be green.

Naturally enough for Vauxhall, it is the big-selling Astra family line-up that carries the new flag; it features a 1.7-litre turbodiesel producing CO2 emissions of just 119g/km and capable of averaging more than 60mpg.

Available as a five-door hatch, three-door Sport Hatch or estate, this lean and green option falls into the lowest benefit-in-kind tax band for company car drivers and the lowest payable road tax band (B - £35/year).

However, Vauxhall insists that the Astra 1.7 CDTi ecoFLEX has not sacrificed driver involvement to go green.

It still has 110PS (108bhp) on tap – 10PS more than the existing Astra 1.7 CDTi – and will reach 117mph. The greater efficiency comes from a higher axle ratio, optimising the computerised engine management and other powertrain tweaks.

Weight has also been cut by a hefty 30 kilos and the car made more slippery through the air by lowering the suspension, modifying the



front air intakes and fitting a drag-reducing panel beneath the engine.

Further attention to detail shows in an adjustment to the power steering pump, reducing its drain on the engine, while the ecoFLEX also runs on low rolling-resistance 15-inch tyres.

As with all of these eco-friendly versions of standard models though, it does beg the question: why do consumers have to pay more to go green and why not introduce the eco features more widely on the range to deliver greater economy of scale and more attractive pricing?

Five-door hatchback versions of the Astra

ecoFLEX are on sale now from £16,340 in humble Life spec with air con, compared with £16,200 for the cheapest standard 1.7-litre CDTi in higher spec Club trim – prices and availability of ecoFLEX Sport Hatch and estate models are still awaited.

Further Vauxhall ecoFLEX models arrive next year: a 109g/km Corsa 1.3 CDTi super-mini averaging nearly 70mpg and a low-emissions version of the stunning Insignia – eagerly awaited replacement for the Vectra in the family car sector.



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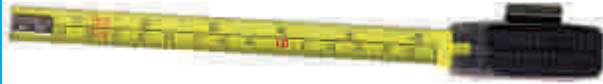
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Nissan 'Plus-Two' expected to multiply Qashqai success

NISSAN'S sales success with its ultimate 'crossover', the Qashqai, was probably guaranteed by axing three cars to make way for it.

The dull Almera family hatchback, the Primera family car and the ailing Tino MPV were all dropped, but their replacement is an excellent all-rounder competing on so many different levels: part family hatchback, part family wagon, part SUV, part MPV and a decent 4x4 when its high-riding body is married to all-wheel drive.

Where it has not competed so far

though is in the seven-seat mid-MPV sector dominated by the Vauxhall Zafira, which is where the new Qashqai+2 arriving in October is expected to do well by offering SUV style, excellent Qashqai driving dynamics and something different to the norm.

To accommodate two child-friendly, rather than adult, seats in a third row, the wheelbase has been extended by 135mm, leading to an overall increase in length of 211mm. Height has risen marginally by 38mm.

Insignia seats' seal of approval

VAUXHALL'S smart new Insignia replacement for the Vectra has an important accolade ahead of launch in October.

With upmarket German rivals from BMW, Audi and Mercedes-Benz in its sights, the front seats (pictured) of the Insignia Sport model have

impressed the Aktion Gesunder Rücken (AGR), an independent panel of ergonomics experts and doctors in Germany.

New technology has been harnessed to create more comfort and safety using features designed to prevent back pain and tension.



Renaultsport gets cheaper with Twingo

IT IS now cheaper, but no less exciting to enter the world of Renaultsport, thanks to the launch of the £11,550 Twingo Renaultsport 133.

With, not surprisingly, 133bhp on tap, this hot new version of Renault's smallest UK model should deliver a lot of fun as well as bringing some much-needed cachet to

a line-up that has so far failed to capture the public's imagination in the hard-fought city car segment.

The newcomer is also available with an optional tuned 'Cup' chassis with lowered ride height, stiffer springs and dampers plus 17-inch alloys for an even sharper driving experience.



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SPAIN'S sporty Seat brand has moved quickly to follow-up with the meanest and greenest versions of its chiselled new Ibiza supermini.

Just weeks after the launch of the five-door and just ahead of the October 1 launch of the three-door SportCoupé model, it has unveiled the Cupra hot hatch and ultra-green Ecomotive versions due next year.

The Cupra features a 178bhp 1.4-litre 'twin-charger' petrol engine and twin-clutch DSG (Direct Shift Gearbox) – an impressive combination supplied by Seat parent VW.

The engine has a turbocharger and supercharger on tap to give the best of power delivery and fuel efficiency and the DSG transmission comes with F1-style steering wheel gearshift paddles.

The Cupra also uses the SportCoupé three-door body shape, but gains extra muscle through a new front bumper and air intakes surrounding the grille, 17-inch alloys and a rear diffuser with centrally-placed trapezoid exhaust.

In keeping with Seat's Auto Emocion marketing, the interior boasts sports seats and track-inspired aluminium pedals.

Performance is also the theme of the other new Ibiza, but performance in the green line rather than red; the new Ecomotive emits just 99 g/km of CO₂ greenhouse gas – currently the joint lowest figure of any internal combustion engine on the UK market – and qualifies for free road tax (Band A).

Available in both five-door and SportCoupé versions, the Ibiza Ecomotive has an equally frugal 78bhp 1.4 TDI diesel engine with amended engine software to deliver its greater economy and lower emissions.

Revised gearbox and gear ratios, aerodynamic gains from a closed front grille and revised rear spoiler, low rolling-resistance tyres and substitution of the spare wheel for a puncture kit, add to miserliness that results in a potential fuel consumption of nearly 75mpg.

Ibiza aims for both red and green line



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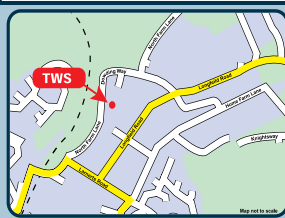
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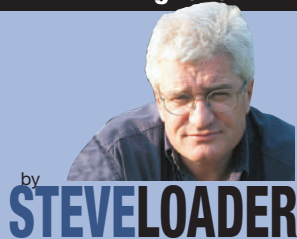
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DrivingReview



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Subaru Outback

SUBARU'S UK profile has been dominated by the rallying exploits of its mid-range Impreza.

This was demonstrated poignantly at the weekend by a 1,100-strong convoy of 'Scooby-dos' commemorating the marque's late rally star Colin McCrae and raising £40,000 for charity as well as earning a mention in the Guinness Book of World Records.

Very much in the shadow of this rally jacket and baseball cap-wearing fanbase is a less obvious yet no less important band of serial owners – rural owners who admire Subaru's rugged estate models.

This 'other' group moved into the limelight with the arrival this year of a long-awaited Subaru diesel option.

For a brand known for sure-footed all-wheel drive models, Subaru slipped up badly by not having an engine to capitalise on the rise of diesel. This was compounded by its equally staunch adherence to horizontally-opposed 'boxer' engines that are great for low down weight, longevity and power, but dictate an engine bay that differs from the norm.

So, Subaru could not just buy a diesel off the

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shelf without expensive re-engineering or compromises on its cars, so it created the first boxer diesel made for a car.

An interesting footnote is that the only other known boxer diesels were two-stroke units produced in Kent by the former Rootes

Tilling Stevens' plant in Maidstone and used in Commer trucks.

Their power to weight ratio and general performance was superior to conventional designs, but the line was axed after Rootes' takeover by Chrysler, keen to protect its interests in

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It does suggest that Subaru could be onto a winner though after struggling to sell its relatively thirsty petrol models into a UK market now ruled by diesel.

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massive shot in the arm, although it has yet to become available outside of the family car/executive Legacy line-up and it rugged Outback variant as tested here.

It is a 148bhp 2.0-litre four-cylinder engine and the boxer layout's generous punch (pardon



LESS RUGGED: The Subaru Legacy



the pun) combined with the extra torque or pulling power of a diesel has created a win, win format with the bonus of awesome smoothness that needs to be tried to be believed – Subaru claims superior noise/smoothness characteristics to a Rolls-Royce Phantom engine.

Existing Legacy/Outback owners will love it since they lose nothing that they already have in terms of flexibility and gain a more efficient, economical and greener engine able to average nearly 50mpg in Outback guise.

What Subaru can expect though is a lot more interest from people who never considered the brand's unsung products before on the grounds of fuel economy; armed with its leaner and greener new engine, they can see that the Outback, in particular, has few competitors in the 'rugged high-riding estate' sector.

In this increasingly anti-4x4/SUV society, this rugged 'Scooby' also recommends itself to the neighbours more too.

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ited off-roading, helped by a comfortable suspension set-up – though this allows some listing on-road when exploiting that grip.

Overall, the car has a 'can do' rather than flashy style about it; the interior is roomy, well arranged and robust with durable plastics, but lacks some of the harmony of European competition.

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147, JTD Q2, g577ge, alloy wheels, anti-lock brakes, climate control, drivers airbag, electric windows, passenger airbag, power steering, remote central locking, side airbags, split/folding rear seats, tinted glass, traction control, trip computer, grey, 14000 miles, £13995, Thames Group Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

AUDI

A4, 1.9tdi 130 se estate, 2003, blue m with grey cloth, 67000 miles, £3950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

A6, SE, g51nrf, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, abs, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, radio, electric mirrors, 15" alloys, green, 130000 miles, £3999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

TT, 1.8 2DR, 2002, trim: leather engine size: 1800 transmission: manual no. of doors: 2, green, 14000 miles, £1495, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

BENTLEY

Arnage, red label auto, 2001, bentlem silver with black leather, 50000 miles, £44950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

BMW

3 SERIES, 320 D ES E90, 2195118, titanium silver, 70724 miles, £10000, MG Motoring World, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

6 SERIES, 645ci coupe, 2004, mystic blue with black dakota leather, 39000 miles, £24950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

7 SERIES, 730d SE AUTO, 21914188, sterling grey, 63748 miles, £17000, Big Motoring World, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

7 SERIES, 735i AUTO, 2002, oxford green metallic with beige nappa exclusive, 79000 miles, £11950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

X5, 3.0D SE AUTO NEW SHAPE, lc57wi, black, 9129 miles, £33000, Big Motoring World, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

Z3, 1.9 Roadster Convertible 2d 1895cc, p180jmf, abs braking system, alloy wheels, leather seats, electric windows & mirrors, radio / cd, front foglights, black, 59150 miles, £7995, E-SSURED Cars UK, Broadstairs, 0845 6447751 (TRADE)

CHEVROLET

CAPTIVA, 2.0 VCDi LT 5dr, 18/08/2007, cd player abs driver airbag power steering immobiliser cruise control auto climate control electric windows, brown, 12852 miles, £13500, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

KALOS, 1.4 SX, g5f5nr, finished in pearl black with black interior, black, 10000 miles, £5995, Caffyns Tunbridge Wells Vauxhall, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

KALOS, S 1.2, g5f7gx, finished in sports blue with black interior, blue, 10000 miles, £6295, Caffyns Chevrolet T Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

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MATIZ, SE 0.8, 1160639, finished in ocean blue with black interior, blue, 8000 miles, £5995, Caffyns Chevrolet T Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

TACUMA, SX 1.6, g5f6ku, finished in blue with black cloth interior, blue, 3000 miles, £6995, Caffyns Chevrolet T Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

CHRYSLER

300C, 5.7v8 auto estate, 2007, brilliant crystal met with black and light shade, g, 10577 miles, £18950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

NEON, 2.0 LXI, 1995 (n), 95 (n) chrysler neon 2.0 lx automatic, 5 door saloon, metallic green coachwork with contrasting grey velour trim, low mileage, service history, new mot, ew x 4, em, pas, air bags, original hi-fi, only 1 owner from new. a snip at now £995 many more quality pre-owned cars for sale on: www.riviercarsales.co.uk, metallic green, low mileage miles, £only £995, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

PT CRUISER, g505 afo, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, remote central locking, remote alarm, cloth upholstery, centre armrest, height adjustable seat, powered folding mirrors, abs, twin air bags, blue, 9600 miles, £5495, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

CITROEN

BERLINGO 800, 04 2005, 1.9d lx side door white pas 43,000 miles fish lined, £1330, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

C-CROSSER, 2.2 HDi Code 5dr, 2008, 2.2 hdi code 5dr estate special edition, grey, 1000 miles, £21995, Wilmoths Folkestone, Folkestone, 01303 245 588 (TRADE)

C1, 1.0i V6i 5dr, 2005, 1.0i v6i 5dr hatch, red, 29813 miles, £5250, Wilmoths Folkestone, Folkestone, 01303 245 588 (TRADE)

C3, 1.4 HDi 16V SX 5dr, 2004, 1.4 hdi 16v sx 5dr diesel hatch, blue, 63973 miles, £5995, Wilmoths Ashford, Ashford, 01233 640100 (TRADE)

C4, 1.6HDi 16V VTR Plus 5dr, 2006, 1.6hdi 16v vtr plus 5dr diesel hatch, beige, 12740 miles, £8995, Wilmoths Folkestone, Folkestone, 01303 245 588 (TRADE)

C5, 1.6 HDi 16V VTX+ 5dr, 2008, 1.6 hdi 16v vtr+ 5dr diesel hatch, red, 3000 miles, £12995, Barretts Citroen, Canterbury, 0845 3079768 (TRADE)

C6, 2.7 HDi V6 Exclusive 4dr Auto, 2006, 2.7 hdi v6 exclusive 4dr auto diesel saloon, grey, 12730 miles, £19995, Barretts Citroen, Canterbury, 0845 3079768 (TRADE)

C8, 2.0 HDi 16V SX 5dr Auto, 2004, 2.0 hdi 16v sx 5dr auto diesel estate, oriental blue, 47265 miles, £9495, Masters Citroen, Penze, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

SAXO, 1.6i 16v VTS Hatchback 3d 1587cc (2000), 03, met blue, miles, £3999, Bob Fisher Garage, Ashford, 01303 814131 (TRADE)

XSARA, LX DIESEL, 2002, met red, 87186 miles, £3395, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

DAEWOO

NUBIRA 4 door saloon, 06 2000, 1.6 p se mot july 08, 0 miles, £500, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

LANOS, 1.4 S Hatchback 3d 1349cc, vc530yn, new mot very clean cheap tax & insurance, green, 33395 miles, £1495.00, DCD Autos, Ashford, 01233 642211 (TRADE)

TACUMA, CDX 1998cc 5 door, 2002, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels central locking alarm driver's airbag multiple airbags power steering immobiliser electric windows, met blue, 85000 miles, £2495, Northdown Road Motor Company, Margate, 01843 290890 (TRADE)

DAIHATSU

COPEL, Activetop 1.3, 08/2008, red leather interior pas remote central locking rear spoiler dual exhaust pipes a/c on electric windows rear wind deflector front fog lights sports seats, grey metallic, delivery miles miles, £12370, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

GRAND MOVE, v328ohj, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, power steering, metallic paintwork, electric front windows, radio, red, 45000 miles, £1999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

MATERIA, 08/2008, alloy wheels twin exhaust 1st glid glass a/c on remote c/locking electric windows fog lamps reverse park sensors & much more!!!, dark red mica, delivery miles miles, £11,495, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

SIRION, 1.3 SE Hatchback 5dr Auto, 08/2008, pas remote c/locking electric windows alloy wheels rear parking sensors, black, 1,000 miles, £9495, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

FIAT

DUCATO 14.2.8 jtd, 02 2002, 14 seats minibus rolhli tri axle 40,000 miles tailift air suspension ex council ideal camper conversion, £7995, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

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CHINOCEGENT, m/1994, manual locking metal windows, red, 74,000 miles, £1195, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

COUPE, 2.0 16v, 1995, red, 72451 miles, £1995, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

DOBLO, 1.2 Dynamic 8v, ex05mac, immobiliser, remote central locking, centre armrest, colour coded interior, cloth upholstery, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, power steering, abs, child locks, twin air bags, colour coded body, rear wash/wipe, electric front windows, air conditioning, cd player, alloy wheels, blue, 28000 miles, £5490, AR Cars, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 06/2006, alloy wheels, 3 door audi steering controls electric mirrors electric windows remote c/locking radio/cd player, blue metallic, 25,000 miles, £5695, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

MAREA, TD 100 SX Weekend, 1998, red, 106000 miles, £395, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

PANDA, Active 5dr, ex04eow, alarm, anti-theft system, central locking, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, folding rear seats, rear spoiler, abs, air bag, power steering, electric front windows, cd player, blue, 4000 miles, £3995, Automatically Ray Morris (Welling), Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

PUNTO, ELX 3dr, ex02zhp, cloth upholstery, immobiliser, head restraints, height adjustable seat, folding rear seats, adjustable steering column, power steering, air bag, specification, uk supplied, radio, blue, £5671 miles, £2995, Lifestyle Renault, Tunbridge Wells, 0844 8446514 (TRADE)

SEICENTO, Sporting 3dr, 4023314, 14" alloys, red, 26000 miles, £2495, Automatically Ray Morris (Welling), Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

SPIDER, X19 1500 Sports, 755461, metallic paintwork, 14" alloys, fiat x19 very genuine classic car last keeper owned since 30/01/1985 outstanding condition for year, gold, 44000 miles, £2999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

STILO, Dynamic 16v 5dr, ea03ftz, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, rear wash/wipe, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, silver metallic, 40000 miles, £3499, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

FORD

CONNECT T220, 12 2004, 1.8 tddi 75 ps swb white ply lined 80,000 miles fsh, £3930, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

C-MAX, Zetec (2007.5) 5-Dr 1.8 TDCi Lynx Stg 4 115 PS (- 14/02/2008, cd player abs alarm driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, silver, 10370 miles, £12499, Invicta Motors, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.4 Ghia, 1998, insurance group 7 2 owners alloy wheels immobiliser drivers airbag power steering central locking front electric windows, tourmaline, 61000 miles, £2000, A 1 Carriages, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 1.6 Zetec Hatchback 5d 1596cc (2005), 53, silver, 62,000 miles, £4499.00, Bob Fisher Garage, Ashford, 01303 814131 (TRADE)

FUSION, 1.4 TDCi 2 5dr, ea52kpx, air conditioning, computer, electric mirrors, electric windows, head restraints, folding rear seats, radio/cd, rear headrests, central lewis gallego or tim arif, silver, 10000 miles, £5000, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

GALAXY, 1.8 TDCi LX 5dr, af07umy, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, central locking, child locks, cloth upholstery, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, heated screen, metallic paintwork, passenger airbag, remote locking, insurance group:10, blue, 2789 miles, £1493, SMC Ford Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

KA, 1.3i Studio 3dr, gf08ox, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, head restraints, folding rear seats, abs, air bag, uk supplied, uk specification, radio cassette, power steering, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, moonstid silver, 11 miles, £9590, Lifestyle Ford Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 0844 8446514 (TRADE)

KA, Style, 2007, amethyst, 7036 miles, £4995, C Motors, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

MONDEO, 1.8 TDCi Zetec 5dr (2008 -), 31/03/2008, cd player abs driver airbag power steering electric windows, grey, 2035 miles, £14999, Invicta Motors, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

STREETKA, 1.6i Luxury 2dr, 13/06/2005, cd player leather hood cover driver airbag electric windows, silver, 13047 miles, £1999, Invicta Motors, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

TRANSIT, T350 MWB Tipper, gv45zap, remote central locking, central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, ladder bolster, power steering, abs, colour coded body, radio cassette, uk specification, uk supplied, blue, 39900 miles, £9995, Van Zone Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 0844 8446528 (TRADE)

TRANSIT, tipper 2.4tdci 3500wb, na05uzl, yellow, plastic call lewis gallego, white, 25000 miles, £11495, SMC Ford Gravesend, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

ACCORD, 2.0 i-Vtec Ex 4dr Auto, 1449649, honda accord 2.0 i-Vtec ex 4dr auto £11,988.00, registration sx06ftj sale price £11,988.00, registered 2006 mileage 17200 miles, transmission automatic body style saloon, fuel type petrol exterior black, number of doors 4 interior, previous owners 1 interior trim, drake and fletcher provide a variety of warranty options, our sales teams will be happy to explain the options to you, black, £11988, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

ACCORD, 2001, red, 78446 miles, £2995, FGBarnes, Maidstone, 01622 755531 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 2.2 i-Ctdi Type S 3dr, 1502649, honda civic 2.2 i-ctdi type s 3dr £15,988.00, registration g08hww sale price £15,988.00, registered 2008 mileage 4100 miles, transmission manual body style hatchback, fuel type diesel exterior orange, number of doors 3 interior, previous owners 0 interior trim, drake and fletcher provide a variety of warranty options, our sales teams will be happy to explain the options to you, orange, £15988, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

CIVIC, EX 2.2, g09fuy, finished in silver with interior, silver, 36000 miles, £10990, Caffyns Tunbridge Wells Vauxhall, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

CR-V, 2.2 i-Ctdi Sport 5dr, 1476649, honda cr-v 2.2 i-ctdi sport 5dr £13,988.00, registration ng56wd sale price £13,988.00, registered 2007 mileage 18000 miles, transmission manual body style estate, fuel type diesel exterior grey, number of doors 5 interior, previous owners 1 interior trim cloth, drake and fletcher provide a variety of warranty options, our sales teams will be happy to explain the options to you, grey, £13988, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

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JAZZ, Dei Se 5dr, vx56fygl, central locking, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, height adjustable seat, folding rear seats, rear headrests, rear wash/wipe, metallic paintwork, colour coded body, multiple airbags, abs, power steering, electric front windows, electric mirrors, air conditioning, cd player, alloy wheels, aluminium silver, 13000 miles, £9995, Automatically Ray Morris (Bexleyheath), Bexleyheath, 01322 524680 (TRADE)

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ACCENT, 2004, red, 11400 miles, £4795, WJ King Vauxhall, Welling, 020 8303 1234 (TRADE)

AMICA, 1.1 Cdx 5dr, 1344649, hyundai amica 1.1 cdx 5dr £5,395.00, registration ek56wnb sale price £5,395.00, registered 2006 mileage 6839 miles, transmission manual body style hatchback, fuel type petrol exterior aqua, number of doors 5 interior grey, previous owners 1 interior trim cloth, there are a variety of warranty options which our sales team will be happy to explain to you, £5395, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

GETZ, Gsl 5dr, hn05yje, central locking, cloth upholstery, rear headrests, rear wash/wipe, electric front windows, cd player, twin air bags, power steering, adjustable steering column, red, 7500 miles, £4495, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

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MATRIX, Gsi, 600bhp, immobiliser, central locking, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, electric mirrors, air conditioning, cd player, blue, 6000 miles, £6995, Automatically Ray Morris (Welling), Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

SANTA FE, 2.7 V6 Station Wagon 5d 2656cc auto, y676e6r, abs braking system, alloy wheels, air conditioning, electric sunroof / windows & mirrors, leather interior, foglights, power steering, remote locking, height adjustable driver's seat, 4 x 4, radio / cd, folding rear seats, gold metallic, 33000 miles, £4995, E-SURE Cars UK, Broadstairs, 0845 6447751 (TRADE)

TRAJET, Gsi Special Edition, 816461, central locking, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, dvd player, aluminium silver, 62000 miles, £4999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

TUCSON, 2.0 Crd Cdx 5dr, 1300649, hyundai tucson 2.0 crd cdx 5dr £8,495.00, registration kv50bn sale price £8,495.00, registered 2005 mileage 20825 miles, transmission manual body style estate, fuel type diesel exterior silver, number of doors 5 interior grey, previous owners 1 interior trim leather, there are a variety of warranty options which our sales team will be happy to explain to you, car now reduced to £8495, silver, £8495, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

ISUZU

RODEO, Denver Max TD Pu 4x4 Dcb, ve66nla, alarm, immobiliser, locking wheel nuts, remote central locking, centre armrest, adjustable steering column, power steering, satellite navigation, abs, air bag, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, 3-person rear seat, full leather, 18" alloys, 4x4, aluminium silver, 15820 miles, £12500, Van Zone Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 0844 8446528 (TRADE)

TROOPER, CITATION 3.5 V6 LWB, 1999 (t), 99 (t) 4x4 izuzu trooper citation 3.5 v6 lwb auto, 5 door, stunning met green coachwork with contrasting velour trim, service history, new mot, full electric pack, tow bar and twin electric pack, + much more, never taken off road, stunning condition, only £4995 now only £3995, metallic green, 93000 miles, £3995, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

JAGUAR

S TYPE 3.0, 2003 (03), 03 (53) jaguar s-type v6 3.0 se auto, metallic silver coachwork with grey leather trim, only 42000 miles, full service history, usual jaguar refinements to include: multiple air bags, electronic park brake, on board computer, cruise control, traction control, tinted glass, alloy wheels etc, etc, only £9,995, metallic silver, £9995, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

SOVEREIGN, 4.0 Saloon 4d 3980cc auto, p 1997, electric windows, electric mirrors, remote central alarm, air conditioning, radio cassette system, cruise control, cream interior leather, electric seats, memory seats, alloy wheels, front fog lamps, colour coded body, lots of service history, metallic silver/grey, miles, £3995, Westbrook Cars, Canterbury, 01227 710685 (TRADE)

X-TYPE, 2.0 SE Saloon 4d 1998cc, 04 2004, speed box, full jaguar service history, cd/radio, ivory leather trim, electric windows, central locking, power assisted steering, cruise control, electric mirrors, air conditioning, front and rear heated screens, airbags, abs, front fog lamps, alloys, immaculate condition, metallic pacific blue, miles, £12995, Westbrook Cars, Canterbury, 01227 710685 (TRADE)

JEEP

GRAND CHEROKEE, 1997, green, 180000 miles, £2995, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

KIA

CEED, 1.4, light blue, 11858 miles, £7995, Masters Bromley Kia, Beckenham, 0208 662 6133 (TRADE)

PICANTO, 1.1 ICE ME, 2008, delivery mileage only remote central locking front electric windows abs air conditioning power steering alarm radio/cd, metallic black, miles, £6995, Masters Bromley Kia, Beckenham, 0208 662 6133 (TRADE)

LAND ROVER

DEFENDER, 110 Hard-Top TD5, 792182, power steering, tow pack, rear wash/wipe, 4x4, pto driven capstan winch, tel. 01795 430295, white, 100000 miles, £9000, Clearways Commercial, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

FREELANDER, 1998, met green with beige, 91644 miles, £3250, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

SERIES 111, gfv653n, 4x4, new chassis and full rebuild, full soft top, 7 seats, defender front end panels, road tax is £185 per year on this vehicle, green, 0 miles, £3995, Diesel Centre, Staplehurst, 01580 890333 (TRADE)

LEXUS

GS300, GS 300 SE, 503461, remote alarm, central locking, full leather, electric seats, air bag, abs, power steering, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, cd player, climate control, electric windows, electric mirrors, 15" alloys, blue, 130000 miles, £2999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

MAZDA

323, GT 5dr, v674dnu, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, stereo, 15" alloys, aluminium silver, 87000 miles, £2599, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

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Dealers' guarded optimism over breakthrough for two-wheelers

MOTORCYCLE dealers are quietly optimistic, despite contradictory signs and influences on sales.

Poor summer weather for leisure riders might also have been a dampener, literally, yet bike registrations leapt 22 per cent in July - August is expected to show similar promise.

The industry says it signals a much-heralded shift to two-wheelers to cut travel costs, congestion and pollution, but Kent

by
STEVE LOADER

dealers are keeping feet on the ground.

"We need to make sure we don't get caught up in the hype about people turning to bikes in the current climate and there has probably been a bit of pre-registering to try to support

the story," said Duncan Pearson, director at Dartford's EC Bate site.

Pre-registering or not, bike registrations are up one per cent so far this year, compared with a near 3 per cent fall for the car market, which also lost 13 per cent in July - in an industry known to be far more adept at massaging registrations than bike trade colleagues.

Bike figures also show a trend towards practical, multi-use and everyday bikes, suggesting a genuine switch from four wheels to two;

sales of scooters and mopeds - the classic entry and commuter machines - increased 27 per cent and 34.5 per cent respectively in July.

Salesman Dean Stoner of Tunbridge Wells Suzuki backed the positive trend: "We are selling an awful lot of bikes to people fed up with higher fuel and road tax, who either used to ride or want to switch from a car to a bike."

"Scooters, of course, are popular as people look to get on two wheels for the first time, but our big seller is the GSX R750 road bike."



Intruder at Harley's party

NO PRIZES for guessing which US custom brand icon is in Suzuki's sights with this new cruiser flagship, the Intruder C1800RT.

It marries the power of the M1800R sports cruiser to a long distance, traditionally-styled cruiser with standard kit including large touring windshield, saddlebags, passenger backrest, pullback handlebars and floorboards.

The Intruder is priced at £10,000, but just 90 are coming to the UK this year so customers are advised to move fast.

Bike buying tips

- Take a test ride.
- Finance - despite rising rates, there are still deals, so shop around.
- Interest free credit - good if you can get it, but watch for introductory offers where the APR and payments soar after the 'honeymoon' period.
- Free insurance - check any no-claims bonus can be transferred after the first free year.
- Specification - if you pay top price, make sure you are getting the latest model.

• Buying an old specification new bike could save as much as 20 per cent, but will be worth less when you sell.

• Pre-registration can be a good buy but should be brand new with delivery mileage only.

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Big rush for new Custom expected

YAMAHA is expecting brisk demand for limited stocks of the eagerly-awaited YBR125 Custom.

This new stablemate to the best selling YBR125 also benefits from the free or subsidised insurance that applies to most Yamaha scooters and motorcycles of 125cc or below until mid-September.

The Custom uses the same single cylinder, air-cooled YBR125 engine, but gains an ultra-low seat (760mm) and high custom 'bars' for a relaxed and comfortable cruiser-type ride. The £1,999 bike comes in Midnight Black, Red Spirit or Light Grey Metallic.



Harley-Davidson thunders on despite struggling US sales

BUOYANT Harley-Davidson sales in the UK and Europe are helping the classic American custom bike brand through a tricky period at home, writes **Steve Loader**.

Volumes have grown three years on the trot for UK-based Harley-Davidson Europe, though they have fallen 13 per cent this year on a US market that accounts for 70 per cent of total brand volume.

Energy prices and the faltering US economy have been blamed for the stumble stateside, but seem to be doing nothing to halt demand on this side of the Atlantic.

Nor has it stopped the Harley-Davidson Group, including the muscular Buell sports bike range, recently acquiring another bike icon - though debt-ridden of late - the Italian MV Agusta premium sports bike brand and its lightweight Cagiva sister.

Bike fans are keen to see how these Italian thoroughbreds will fit in with their new archetypal custom stablemates.

To the layman, all Harley-Davidsons follow a similar 'big and beefy' style, underlined by the 1969 movie classic *Easy Rider* in which stars Henry Fonda and Dennis Hopper rode heavily customised or 'chopped' long-fork Harley-Davidsons.

However, the modern day line-up has diversified into five distinct styles: the Sportster range are muscular road bikes with a distinctively smooth integration between fuel tank and seat, but they can look lightweight against the almost brutal V-Rod series, with its hot-rod styling.

For the more classic 'Harley' custom lines, check out the Dyna, Softail and Touring model ranges, with the Touring aimed especially at the comfortable long distance cruising that is part of the Harley-Davidson legend founded 105 years ago in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA.



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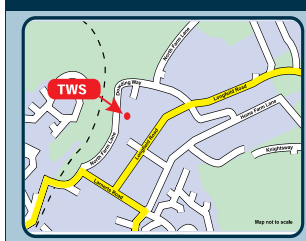
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By **TONY PATEY**tony.patey@kosmedia.co.uk**NOT bad, but could do better.**

That was the general verdict in Kent on the Government's £1.6 billion package of measures aimed at kick-starting the housing market, a key generator of the national economy.

With the economic downturn bringing gloom and doom, ministers tried to give a boost to the housing market hoping that would at least begin to alleviate the situation and bring back some much-needed confidence.

The details are: a one-year stamp duty holiday on properties costing less than £175,000; a mortgage rescue scheme to help 6,000 families in danger of eviction; extra funds diverted to provide 5,500 more council houses; and a shared equity scheme to help 10,000 first-time buyers get into the housing market.

Income Support for mortgage interest is also to be made more widely available from next April, a factor which seems to have received little publicity.

But is the package just tinkering on the sidelines – a touch on the tiller, as it were, with more of a main drift towards boosting Government popularity – rather than addressing the root problem, which is generally agreed to be lack of mortgage funding?

John Oakley, chairman of the East Kent branch of the National Association of Estate Agents said: "This removes the uncertainty

Cool reception for housing package

and now means buyers will not be holding back or withdrawing from sales, as has been the case to date.

"While this is a positive bit of news, it does not address the problems of getting a mortgage in the first place. The Government needs to fundamentally reappraise stamp duty and the whole buying and selling process, including the disaster that is HIPs."

Guy Durdant-Hollamby, partner in the residential conveyancing department at law firm Thomson Snell & Passmore, with offices in Tunbridge Wells and Greenhithe, said: "The stamp duty exemption applies only to residential properties and will save buyers up to

£1,750. Hopefully this will give first-time buyers the confidence to step on to the property ladder and kick-start the market. It will also end the weeks of uncertainty that have haunted the market since whispers of holidays and breaks first surfaced, so putting many transactions on hold.

"However, with press reports of house prices continuing to fall and mortgage approvals at a record low, it remains to be seen whether a one per cent saving will be enough to tempt these buyers back into the market."

Rob Procter, deputy chief executive of Chatham-based Kent Reliance Building Society, said: "It is the first bit of good news for

quite a while." Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors spokesman James Scott-Lee said: "The Government has failed to listen to the property industry and respond to market pressures."

"The proposed measures will have little impact on those suffering in the current crisis."

"Action to increase lending by improving liquidity in the mortgage market is essential as part of a coherent package of measures alongside help for first-time buyers and protection against repossession."

"Without making it easier to get a mortgage, the Government is doing no more than tinkering at the edges."

Rage against the machine – time to kick the habit?



RELYING on email as a critical business tool has created a new phenomenon – e-rage.

Some office workers get so stressed that they actually kick their computers, according to a survey of office workers, owners and managers.

Specialist business ISP Eclipse Internet said that in Ashford, a whopping 81 per cent of office workers and company owners agree that email 'downtime' – when it isn't working – causes major stress at work.

For some, the frustration of not having access to email sees them resorting to

extreme measures in an attempt to 'fix' the problem.

More than 40 per cent responded with agitated mouse-clicking, while 10 per cent admitted to hitting computers in frustration, and 6.1 per cent have actually resorted to kicking their computer – a number which rises to an alarming 20 per cent of respondents in small companies.

In fact, e-rage is most prevalent in small firms. For these, email downtime is more stressful than arguing with colleagues and customers, receiving supplies late or being responsible for delayed deliveries.

The research revealed regional e-rage

hotspots across the UK. Compared with the national average, office workers in Glasgow are three times as likely to take out their frustration by kicking their computer, closely followed by 10.4 per cent in Manchester and 8.7 per cent in Ashford.

Mark Thomas, of Eclipse Internet, said: "We know that in at least 40 per cent of small companies, email is set up and maintained by unqualified personnel."

"As a result, these companies are more susceptible to suffering the consequences of e-rage. For companies that outsource their email, levels of e-rage are much lower."

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TOP TEN: Chef Mark Gilchrist

Enriched life means more than simply extra money

GET-rich-quick tycoons are on the decline – today's new breed of affluent businesspeople value quality of life as much as quantity of money.

Business school academic Professor Scott Moeller says research shows the emergence of what he calls the new "enriched" – modern individuals combining financial success with personal and career fulfillment.

He drew up a list of 15 businesspeople who typify the trend and number 10 is Mark Gilchrist, head chef at Game for Everything in Cranbrook.

Prof Moeller, of Cass Business School, was asked to study the trend by NatWest Bank which saw that its own private banking for rich people, once mainly for middle-aged males, is now increasingly likely to be for females and younger people.

He said: "We are witnessing a real decline in the traditional get-rich-quick generation. Our new breed of enriched affluent people values quality of life as much as quantity of wealth."

"They want the same financial rewards and wealth as their parents and grandparents, but also the personal sense of achievement and fulfillment that comes from shunning traditional professions to pursue dreams, enabling them to be masters of their own personal and financial destinies."

Game for Everything was set up in 2005.

Mr Gilchrist says on his website: "I hope to change people's perception of game and bring it to a new audience."

"Game and the countryside has been fundamentally mis-marketed and poorly branded for two generations."

"I have developed my recipes and methods for modern game cooking, not from books but from the experience I have developed by shooting, processing, hanging and cooking over 50,000 game birds."

• **Leading the enriched list is Mark Herbert, a Sheffield-based film producer and MD of Warp Films, which was involved with the Shane Meadows movie This is England.**

Campus acts to fill skills gap in Kent

By **TONY PATEY**

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A MAJOR attempt to meet a growing demand for skilled workers from Kent's building industry by the University of Greenwich at Medway has been welcomed by regional experts.

It is offering a range of construction courses from this month continuing its package of high-level teaching accredited by professional bodies including the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) and the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB).

And it has been given the thumbs up by the influential Chatham-based North Kent Construction Skills Project (NoKCS). Project director Glenys Gilbert-Collins said: "We are delighted to see the expansion of higher education provision in construction offered by Greenwich at its Medway campus."

"When NoKCS speaks to developers and contractors in the industry, the biggest shortfall in the skills they identify are the technical and professional areas – the white-collar jobs – managers, architects, technicians, computer-aided designers and surveyors."

"Having this additional provision is responding to the needs of employers and adds to the mix of talent here in North Kent."

Students will be able to sign up at Medway for undergraduate and postgraduate courses in building surveying, construction management, architectural design and quantity surveying.

Peter Dalton, from the university's School of Architecture and Construction, said: "Construction is coming to the University of Greenwich at Medway in order to meet the growing number of people from within Kent who require specialist training."

"We notice from our records that many students are travelling up from Kent for our construction courses at Avery Hill in south London, so we have decided to make extra training available at the Medway campus."

"Kent has a lot of construction schemes on the go and this will continue into the future, especially with regeneration of areas such as the Thames Gateway."

"We felt it was important to help meet the skills demand and these courses will provide training and education to the next generation of construction professionals."

To find out more visit the website www.gre.ac.uk, telephone 0800 005 006 or e-mail courseinfo@greenwich.ac.uk.

Plenty to chew on at Eurotunnel

LEADING UK vending services provider Selecta has been awarded a five-year contract extension worth more than £1 million at Eurotunnel in Folkestone.

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SMEs are plagued by late payments

SMALL businesses in the South have been worst hit by the economic downturn because of late payments, according to research by Bacs Payment Schemes, the company behind direct debit.

Almost two-thirds of southern SMEs – small to medium-sized enterprises – said they had been affected compared with under half in the North.

Half said projects were taking longer to come to fruition compared with a national average of 37 per cent, two out of five said they had cut back on spending on things like business travel and more than a third said firms had started to pay later than before.

But just over one in three said they were spending more time chasing late payments than before the downturn commenced, compared with the national average of 28 per cent.

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There were usually one or more culprits: with 48 per cent of southern SMEs which had experienced problems blaming other SMEs; 46 per cent pointed the finger at individuals and 'one-man bands'; while 42 per cent said large corporates were also guilty.

Michael Chambers, managing director of Bacs, said: "With new stories breaking every day about the state of the economy, we wanted to ask the people at the coalface what they were experiencing."

"Unfortunately, the results for the South do seem to mirror what is being reported more widely. The issue of late payments has long been a challenging one for small businesses in this country and, sadly, the problem seems to be worsening as belts are tightened and the pressure on cashflow increases."

Bacs said late payment legislation had been in place for more than 10 years, so it should be used. Firms are legally entitled to add statutory interest to overdue invoices and can also claim reasonable debt recovery costs, if it gets to that stage.

Reward prompt payers so they continue exercising good practice, and firms should consider offering early payers discounts, encouraging them to keep the money flowing in.

Founded in 1968, Bacs, the not-for-profit, membership-based industry body owned by 15 leading banks and building societies in the UK and Europe, is celebrating 40 years of automated payments this year.

Since it started, more than 68 billion transactions have been debited or credited to British bank accounts via Bacs. In 2007 more than 5.5 billion UK payments were made this way, with a new peak day record achieved in November when 90.3 million items were processed in one day.

By **LIZ RULE**
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Tax deadline is getting closer

IT IS now opportune to highlight a couple of taxation matters that you may have noticed in the press recently which could affect many readers.

Firstly, there is a new deadline for filing self-assessment tax returns if you want to complete a paper copy.

To date there was a deadline of January 31 following the tax year in question, and it did not matter whether you completed a paper form or submitted your details online.

Now, anyone wishing to continue using paper returns must have them in by October 31 or risk a £100 penalty.

Online tax returns can still be submitted up to the January 31 deadline.

About nine million people complete self-assessment tax returns each year and 4.5 million were still filing paper returns last year. So if you are one of them, get a move on and get it done before October 31.

Secondly, if you are a basic rate taxpayer, then this month, or next, you will be getting a tax rebate.

In April, 2008, the Government did away with the 10p tax band, which cost most taxpayers about £223 a year in extra tax.

Following the outcry about how they had hit the lower paid, ministers decided to raise the personal allowance, the earnings that you do not pay tax on, by £600, which will save £120.

This comes into effect this weekend, on September 7, but is backdated to April, so there is an immediate rebate due in many pay packets.

Unfortunately, higher rate taxpayers will not benefit, as the level at which higher rate tax is paid has been adjusted by £600 to make sure they do not benefit from this concession.

Although the measure will not fully compensate for the loss of the 10p tax band, I am sure the extra in wage packets this month will make a difference for many in what are proving to be testing times.

Explore all options

ONE in five UK accountants have confirmed clients have been refused credit or had funding restrictions imposed due to the credit crunch, according to latest findings.

The figures, from a survey by invoice and asset-based lender Venture Finance, which has an office in Canterbury, provide the first real evidence that UK SMEs are starting to feel the downturn.

The research also reveals a quarter of accountants believe clients are more nervous about investing in their business.

The number of business failures is expected to increase by 18 per cent by the end of 2009, so it comes as no surprise that

SMEs are feeling vulnerable.

Venture said businesses need to find alternative ways of stabilising cashflow and sustaining working capital. While cost cutting is one way of responding, alternative forms of finance are available to provide security and ongoing business support.

Peter Ewen, managing director, said: "As traditional lenders tighten their funding lines it is important for SMEs to recognise they have other options."

"Independent invoice financiers often have a better understanding of the challenges faced by SMEs and can plug the funding gap through more flexible finance packages, tailored to business requirements."



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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

It can be costly not to heed the experts' advice on your payroll



CAROLE MARTIN: Crucial role in everyday life of workforce

PAYING staff the correct amount and on time may sound straightforward, but with sick pay, student loans, maternity pay, pensions and more to consider, it's not as easy as it seems. Without a system to ensure every member of staff receives the correct pay cheque and holiday entitlement, employers would not only have a mutiny on their hands but could also be hit with fines and even an industrial tribunal. With National Payroll Week here, business editor Tony Patey spoke to **Carole Martin**, payroll supervisor at Keyman, the payroll division of Maidstone-based business and financial services firm DSH, to find out how important it is to get payroll right first time.

Q What is National Payroll Week all about?

A The week was developed by the Institute of Payroll Professionals, the UK's leading provider of qualifications, training and consultancy for payroll and pensions. The aim is to highlight the crucial part payroll plays in the everyday lives of the UK's workforce, in businesses and across the wider economy.

In a firm such as DSH, it also is very helpful in raising awareness of payroll among clients and other areas of its business.

Q What issues do businesses need to be aware of when it comes to payroll?

A The most important thing to remember is not to fall foul of the law as that could lead to serious repercussions.

Employers need to keep abreast of amendments to statutory sick pay and maternity pay, the minimum wage, and also holiday entitlement.

In the private sector, those in charge of payroll often have an HR rather than a financial background so they may not have as much knowledge as an independent payroll service.

Also many employers offer benefits that need to be accounted for via the payroll and this is an added complication.

Q What are the advantages in outsourcing payroll?

A There is so much legislation to keep up with that sometimes it is more cost effective to use an expert, whether you have one employee or hundreds.

For example, as well as processing payroll at a frequency that suits clients, we can complete the necessary forms for HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC), calculate student

loan deductions, salary sacrifice schemes, pensions and redundancy payments. We can also offer advice and guidance on payroll procedures, contracts, employment matters and payroll legislation, by accessing skills and knowledge in other parts of our business.

Q How will the current changes to tax codes affect employees?

A The loss of the 10 per cent starting rate tax band caused a lot of concern earlier in the year. To compensate, the Chancellor announced that from September 7 the basic personal allowance for 2008/09 would increase by £600 to £6,035. At the same time, the basic tax rate band will reduce from £36,000 to £34,800.

Basic rate taxpayers – those who earn up to £40,835 per annum – will be £120 better off over the year, or £10 per month.

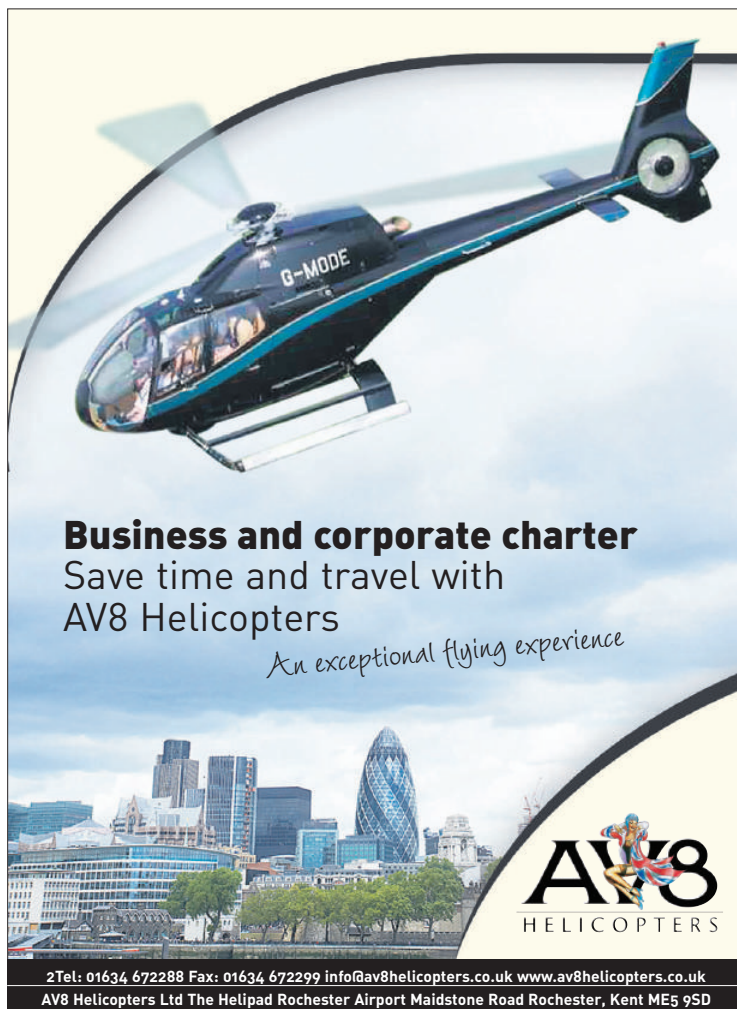
This will be backdated for six months so if an employee is paid on or after September 7 they will be £60 better off in September and then £10 better off each month until the end of the tax year. Higher rate taxpayers will not benefit from these changes.

HMRC will issue new tax codes to everyone who has a code ending in L or starting with K, so 40 million individuals under the age of 65 will see their tax code change.

Q What's your background and what are your main responsibilities?

A Before joining DSH earlier this year I spent 27 years as the HR and payroll manager for a large company, with a responsibility for three UK sites and 800 employees.

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Operations director Graeme Scott has opened an office in Edenbridge, which will complement his offices in London, Crowthorne, Atlanta in the US, Mumbai in India and Dubai.

For more details, call 07988 629732 or email graeme.scott@livinglifegreen.co.uk.

Mixed fortunes, but demand for UK food grows

NEWS on the economy from the rural sector is mixed.

Rising energy costs generally impact more on people living in the country than those based in towns. Public transport is often difficult to access – as well as being inconvenient – making use of a car the only workable option.

The rural industries, including those producing and growing for food consumption, are also badly affected by higher energy prices. As a result, what we put in our shopping baskets is costing noticeably more.

Financial analysts are citing the knock-on effects of changes in land usage as a further contributory factor to rising world food prices. Vast areas previously devoted to the production of food are being given over to growing crops to produce biofuels.

As a consequence, production of wheat, rice and other staples has gone down and shortages are forcing market prices up.

This in turn affects the prices of goods on the shelves of supermar-

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kets and other food retailers.

The price of animal foodstuffs has also risen, thus increasing farmers' costs and resulting in the prices of meat and eggs rising.

This directly influences the prices we pay for these goods, but it also affects the food processors whose costs increase likewise. In some countries staple foods are not only horrendously expensive but also in short supply.

Scientists are warning of a further disaster. They are concerned by the serious environmental impact of razing carbon-rich forests to provide land to grow crops for bio-fuels and they fear huge loss of biodiversity and impaired hydrological function.

Although research is under way to find a sustainable and environmentally friendly source of energy, no really positive solutions appear to be on the way.

The other side of the coin – the good news – concerns the fact that more

and more consumers are electing to buy British food. Demand for regionally produced food is rising especially quickly and this obviously benefits our rural communities.

It is also worth bearing in mind that the food we put on our plates has a direct influence on the appearance of one of our most prized possessions – our countryside – helping to keep it the green and pleasant land we love.

Creating awareness and increasing markets for Kent-produced food is crucial to the rural economy, so it is good news that Hadlow College has joined Kent County Council in a partnership to support the future developments of Produced in Kent (PiK), the pioneering champion of the county's farmers, growers and food and drink producers.

The college has already started work with PiK's new manager, Julie Monkton, and her team in initiatives designed to grow the market. The intention is to make the PiK brand instantly recognisable, synonymous with excellence and thus consumers' first choice.



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TUNBRIDGE Wells-based Natural Eco Trading has outperformed hundreds of green firms and been named a semi-finalist in the 2008 Barclays Green Leaders in Business Awards.

The awards recognise companies using pioneering processes or new sustainable technology, products or services to help tackle climate change and, crucially, boost profits. Natural Eco Trading started in 1999 and is renowned for its environmentally-friendly cleaning products.

The firm, competing in the small business category, is now one of four companies hoping to be selected as a National Green Leader in Business. Winners will be revealed before an audience of 250 guests at a gala luncheon at the East Winter Gardens in London on Tuesday.

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QUADRANT Estates has sold the long leasehold investment of two office units at its latest phase of development Eureka Park in Ashford to a private investor for £4.83 million.

The properties at the development known as Northdown comprise 20,832 sq ft (1,935 sq m) of Grade A office space specification let to the Eastern and Coastal Kent NHS Primary Care Trust. The investor has bought the property at a price reflecting a net initial yield of 6.95 per cent.

The trust will occupy units 110 and 120, marking the completion of another successful letting at Northdown,

Eureka leasehold investment sold

the 51,000 sq ft first phase development at Eureka Park.

Tristram Gethin, director at Quadrant Estates, the development company behind Eureka Park, said: "This sale of these units leaves only one remaining unit at Northdown since practical completion of the scheme last summer.

"The high level of interest in the office space here confirms

our confidence in the Ashford market and we are now working to deliver further phases of offices at Eureka Park by the end of 2008."

Bidwells acted for Quadrant Estates on the investment sale. Knight Frank, Martine Waghorn and Bidwells are the letting agents at Eureka Park.

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It was formerly two quarry pits that were filled in the 1960s and 1970s and restored to grazing land in the early 1980s.

Earlier planning submissions proposed 700 houses and flats on the site and there may be opportunities for business or other uses.

The auction will be at the Radisson SAS Portman Square Hotel in London. More information can be obtained from www.collierscre.co.uk/auctions or from Simon Riggall on 020 7487 1700.

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DISCIPLINED: Gillingham manager Mark Stimson's problems with a dissenting player have re-emerged

Bad apple still in the barrel at Gills

GILLINGHAM boss Mark Stimson has revealed there is still one disruptive player in his squad, a fortnight after the manager thought the matter had been resolved.

Following the defeat to Luton last month, Stimson criticised one member of his squad for not coming into the changing room after the match. After holding talks with the unnamed player he believed the problem had been settled, but it resurfaced again this week.

Stimson said: "We have a room at the training ground open now where the boys eat. The atmosphere was there, everyone was eating together, well, near enough everyone – only one person wasn't."

"The rest were all eating together and there was a buzz around the place. That's what it takes, it's not just 90 minutes of football, it's about the whole week and working together so you become a team."

Stimson confirmed it was the same player he spoke to after the Luton match and said it was being dealt with inside the club.

Elsewhere, Gills are cool on Folkestone Invicta's hopes of extending teenage striker Andy Pugh's loan deal.

The 19-year-old has helped Invicta make a good start to the Ryman South season, scoring in their first two league matches.

Pugh's one-month deal runs out next weekend and Seasiders boss Neil Cugley is keen to prolong the deal, but Stimson will consider the options.

He said: "No disrespect to Folkestone but it might be he comes back and goes to another level because as a player you have got to try and test yourself at every opportunity. I'm sure they would like to keep him because he's a quality player but I'll speak to him at the end of his month there."

Going for gold

Paralympians aim to better Team GB heroics

By DAVID PRITCHARD

A FORTNIGHT after the Olympics drew to a close, the Paralympics get under way in Beijing this weekend, with six Kent athletes hoping to make an impact.

Featuring more than 4,000 competitors from around 140 countries, the 12-day Games is the world's second-biggest sporting event.

Team GB's Olympic squad outperformed all expectations to finish fourth in the medal table last month, but the Paralympic team are expected to do even better. Britain has a long history of excellence at the event and won 94 medals to finish second behind China at Athens in 2004.

The most experienced of Kent's sextet is swimmer Dervis Konuralp, who will be competing at his fourth successive Paralympics. The 27-year-old, from Dartford, who has a condition which affects vision in both eyes, is a five-times world champion and won bronze medals at the Sydney and Athens Games.

Atmosphere

Konuralp will compete in three events in the iconic Water Cube and was a keen observer of the Olympics last month.

He said: "It's great to get an idea of the atmosphere we are going to be competing in. Hopefully it motivates and inspires you. To see the results from Team GB was impressive."

"It shows the impossible can be achieved – if you put the hard work in and have the right team bond anything can happen."

The computer science graduate walked away from the sport after Athens to concentrate on his studies. He spent two years out of competitive swimming, but the lure of an Olympic gold medal proved too seductive to turn down.

He said: "I have achieved a hell of a lot but the one thing missing is an Olympic gold medal. When I came out of retirement the times were positive and hopefully I can produce the perfect race in that environment."

Britain's Paralympic rowers will hope to enjoy as much success as their Olympic team-mates, who were the most successful nation at the regatta.



PARALYMPIC TIMETABLE

DERVIS KONURALP – Swimming

Sunday: 100m butterfly heats & final; Friday 12th: 200m individual medley heats & final; Saturday 13th: 100m breaststroke heats & final

ALASTAIR MCKEAN & JAMES MORGAN –

Mixed coxed adaptive four
Tuesday 9th: heats; Wednesday 10th: repechage; Thursday 11th: final

NATHAN MILGATE – Shooting

Monday: 10m air rifle standing qualification and final; Tuesday 9th: 10m air rifle prone qualification and final

STEVE PALMER –

Wheelchair rugby

Friday 12th: vs New Zealand (pool match); Saturday 13th: vs Germany (pool match); Sunday 14th: Australia (pool match); Monday 15th: semi-finals; Tuesday 16th: final

WILL BAYLEY – Table tennis

Sunday: round one; Monday: round two; Tuesday 9th: round three; Wednesday 10th: semi-final; Thursday 11th: final

In the mixed coxed fours, Whitstable's Alastair McKean and James Morgan, from Deal, have a decent chance of winning a medal.

EXPERIENCED: Dervis Konuralp competes in his fourth successive Paralympics Picture: GETTY IMAGES

It will be the first Paralympics for both, and McKean admitted he had been surprised by the reaction from the public.

He said: "Since the Olympics started, people are starting to see us wearing the kit and come up to you on the street and wish you luck. You don't realise how many people want you to go out there and do well."

"I think realistically we want to go out there and get a medal of the right colour. I think we can't dismiss anyone else and it's going to be a hotly contested final. All we can do is get things like sleeping and eating right, all the things that make you a champion."

Herne Bay's Nathan Milgate, 21, is also making his debut at the Games. The 2007 British champion will be competing in two shooting events and begins his bid for a medal tomorrow.

Will Bayley, 20, is one of the youngest competitors in Team GB but is no rookie. The youngster, who grew up in Tunbridge Wells, took the British table tennis title last year.

Steve Palmer from Bexleyheath was in the Great Britain wheelchair rugby squad which just missed out on a medal in Athens. Since then he has helped the side to two European Championship titles and despite being drawn in a tough group, will be hoping to make the final next Tuesday.

SEE PARALYMPIAN DERVIS KONURALP'S EXCLUSIVE BLOG FOR KOS MEDIA BY VISITING www.kentnews.co.uk



GUEST: Karen Pickering

Pickering dives in to help at new pool opening

FORMER World and Commonwealth champion swimmer Karen Pickering helped open Sutton Valence's new £2.5 million pool on Friday.

The retired four-time Olympian dived in to the 25-metre, six-lane pool and raced some of the school's pupils to officially open the new facility.

It is built on the site of the school's old pool, which was dug out by pupils and staff in the 1930s. The project has taken six years to come to fruition, with the money raised from school funds and donations from alumni.

It will only be open to Sutton Valence's senior and prep schools and the village's primary school, but after

an initial settling in period, memberships will be available to the wider community.

Helen Knott, development manager at the school, said: "It's a wonderful and attractive facility. We were only able to use the old swimming pool in the summer term but obviously with the new one we can use it all year

round – it is a big step forward for the school."

The pool will form part of a high quality sports complex at the school. Last month it was granted planning permission for an £800,000 athletics track and it has also been designated as a potential training camp for athletes ahead of the London 2012 Olympics.

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'We will come good in the end'

Promotion the least we deserve after hard graft and heartbreaking cup defeats, says Kent skipper

Inside view

With ROB KEY

WITH still so much to play for, in the last weeks of what has already been an epic season in many ways, I want to use this column to pay massive tribute to my Kent players.

Whatever happens to us between now and September 27, the scheduled last day of this campaign, I cannot give enough credit to the way the guys have kept going so well – amid all the disappointments and frustrations that we have encountered – and have reacted so positively to losing two cup finals in three weeks.

The determination that everyone continues to show, and the contributions every single player in the squad has made to the fact that we have contested all four competitions right to the wire this summer, has been brilliant to see. I am a very proud captain of these players.

A lot is made of captaincy in cricket, but let me just say that there is not too much any captain can do without class and character in his team.

From a personal point of view, though, it has been a very tough season. Coming so close to silverware already, plus games like the one up at Durham and the recent championship match at Yorkshire where we ended up just one wicket away from victory after being behind in the game for more than three days, have made it so frustrating.

The Friends Provident Trophy final defeat at Lord's, in particular, hit me very hard. We were favourites to beat Essex



Picture: ADY KERRY

MAGNIFICENT: Robbie Joseph has excelled with the new ball

that day, which brings its own pressures too, but we simply didn't play anywhere near our capabilities as a team – and it hurt, hugely.

I remember saying to the management staff afterwards that it would be very interesting to see how that massive disappointment affected the lads in the following final six weeks of the season.

We had some very tired bodies in that dressing room, and to fight off the disappointment of losing that cup final, as well as the Twenty20 Cup final on July 26, was going to take a big effort. Being in contention in every competition has also meant very few breaks for the players throughout the whole season.

But then Geraint Jones scored a magnificent hundred to give

us the opportunity to beat Lancashire in the championship the following week, Robbie Joseph and Amjad Khan have been quite magnificent with the new ball, and Martin van Jaarveld's great season continued with the hundred which kept us in that game at Yorkshire when losing the toss put us at such a big initial disadvantage.

Neil Dexter also made a superb hundred to lead our second innings fightback at Scarborough, and in recent weeks it has been noticeable how other players have stood up to offset the loss of both Yasir Arafat and Azhar Mahmood with injury.

I have been very impressed with 'RJ' (Robbie Joseph) and Ryan McLaren in particular during the past couple of

months. It is much more difficult for fast bowlers to keep going throughout a summer because their bodies take such a pounding, and in county cricket these days if you don't always give 100 per cent as a bowler you can go around the park.

Robbie, Amjad, Joe Denly and James Tredwell are all certainties for at least England Lions places this winter, in my view, because not only are their records excellent but they all have the potential to go even further in the game and improve significantly as cricketers.

Where we have gone wrong in the past – and I remember last season being like this too – is that we have got to the back end of the season with our bowling attack in bits, but Amjad's freshness in the past couple of months has been a great boost. I think people can see now why we didn't rush him back earlier in the campaign.

Promotion from Division Two of the NatWest Pro40 would be the least we deserve after a season spent competing for every prize, but when we began this week's championship match against Surrey I would say that Nottinghamshire, Somerset and Durham were all ahead of us in the race for the county title.

All I hope is that we can keep ourselves in contention until our last game, at home to Durham at Canterbury. Then we would have quite a bit in our own hands and, if everyone is still fit and available, it would be quite a selection decision on our final XI.

It has been easy in recent weeks to think that someone up there hasn't wanted us to win anything. It has been a real test of our character, as individuals and as a team. Hopefully, by keeping going forward the way we have, we will get our final reward right at the end.

• **Rob Key, the Kent captain and England batsman, is one of Kent on Sunday's regular sports columnists.**



DEMONSTRATION: F1 star Lewis Hamilton

Brands' speed impresses Lewis

FORMULA One superstar Lewis Hamilton has claimed Kent's Brands Hatch is not "flat and boring" like some Grand Prix circuits used in the championship calendar.

Hamilton did demonstration laps around the 1.2 mile track in his McLaren Formula One car, ahead of the DTM Championship last Sunday.

The leader of the Formula One World Championship completed four laps in front of packed grandstands.

The 23-year-old, who rose to fame after almost winning the championship last season as a rookie, was questioned on his views about Brands Hatch and whether it could once again host a championship race.

Although Hamilton said he enjoyed the demonstration laps, it would be a question of safety as to whether the Kent circuit could once again stage a Formula One race.

He said: "Brands Hatch is a very fast circuit. There would probably be very little overtaking if Formula One was to come back here so if it was to come back that may need to be looked at."

"It is a very historical circuit and it is not flat and boring like some of the new circuits we race on. It is very challenging but it is not as long as some of the tracks. I would love to get out there in a Formula One car again."

Active role for gold hero Staff

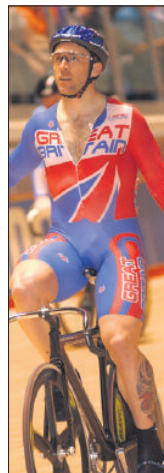
OLYMPIC champion Jamie Staff has become a sporting ambassador for Active Ashford, a scheme aimed at increasing participation in sport in the area.

The 35-year-old joins a growing list of sportsmen and women with links to Ashford, including 1500 metre runner Lisa Dobriskey, Kent cricketer James Tredwell and golfer Dani Masters.

Active Ashford was set up earlier this year. It is hoped that having high-profile stars backing the scheme will help encourage the public to become more active.

Staff, who grew up in Brabourne Lees, was part of Britain's Team Sprint trio to win gold at the Beijing Olympics last month.

He will receive a special award from the mayor of Ashford, John Link, at a ceremony in October which will also feature Active Ashford's other ambassadors.



Edwards leads England to glory

THE all-conquering England Women's cricket team secured their fifth series win in a row after they took an unassailable 3-0 lead against India.

Led by Kent captain Charlotte Edwards, England beat the touring Indians by eight wickets in their third One-Day International at Taunton on Thursday in a rain-affected game.

The Indians scored 126-2 from 35 overs thanks to an

unbeaten 55 from captain Mithali Raj.

England cruised to victory, reaching their Duckworth/Lewis target of 99 for the loss of just two wickets.

Edwards hit a crisp 25 off 31 balls at the top of the innings before she was caught, and it was left to Claire Taylor, winning her 100th cap, to confirm the win with an unbeaten 29.

Edwards' England beat India by 10 wickets on Mon-

day thanks to an unbeaten 75 from Sussex opener Sarah Taylor, which followed the opening game of the series, which England won by eight wickets.

Thursday's win to seal the series was England's 14th straight win.

Edwards and her England team take on the Indians in the final two One-Day Internationals at Arundel today, followed by a day/night game at Hove on Tuesday.

Cricket at The St Lawrence Ground



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England star's journey from £60 a week to England squad

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A CALL-UP to the England squad capped a meteoric rise for former Kent footballer Jimmy Bullard, who once plied his trade with Gravesend and Northfleet for £60 a week.

The Fulham midfielder was called up to Fabio Capello's squad for yesterday's World Cup qualifier with Andorra in Barcelona and is also widely tipped to play some part in Wednesday night's crunch clash against Croatia in Zagreb.

Bullard's career is a real rags-to-riches story after having been plucked from non-league and going on to feature in almost every step of the football pyramid up to the Premier League, and now England honours.

The 29-year-old started out with Corinthians before he moved to Kent side Dartford. It was while with the Darts that he was noticed by Gravesend and Northfleet manager Andy Ford, who is now boss at Blue Square South side Welling United.

Ford told Kent on Sunday: "I remember signing him when I was Gravesend manager. We felt there was something about him so we made a move while he was at Dartford. We got him on a contract for £60 a week and he was with us for about six months before we sold him to West Ham for £35,000."

Bullard, who went to Erith School, made a big impression at the Kent club during the 1998-1999 season.

Roly Edwards has been secretary of Gravesend, now known as Ebbsfleet, for the last 11 years, and remembers registering a young Bullard at the club.

Special

He said: "He was clearly something special but was not with us for long because scouts used to flock to our games to watch him."

"He was a cheeky chap and I don't think he has changed from what I have seen. He was very lively and bubbly in the dressing room."

"We felt he had something but you never know with these things, but clearly there was something different about him."

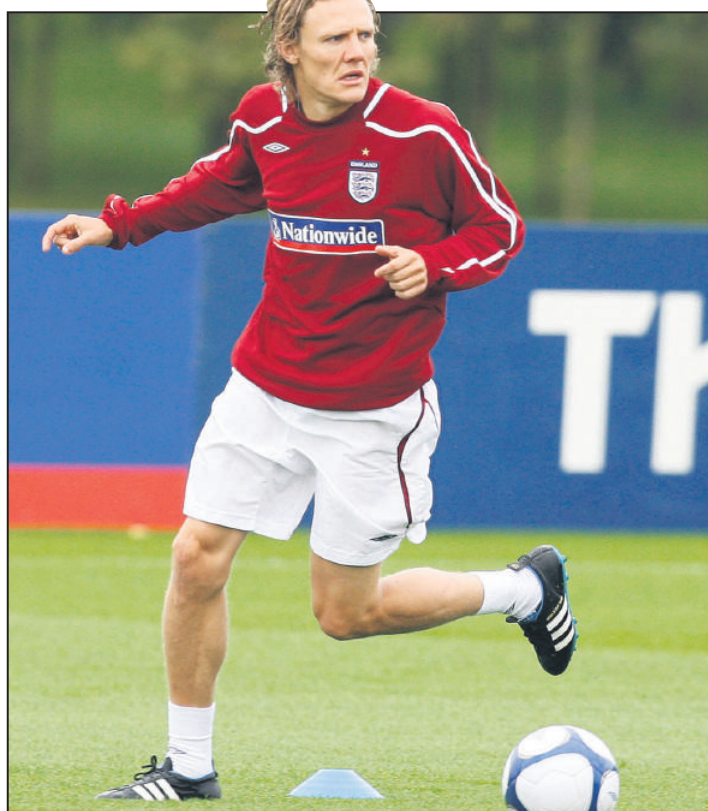
"When West Ham came in for him, Queens Park Rangers wanted him too. In fact, they offered more - £50,000 - whereas West Ham bid £35,000, but he was a mad Hammers fan."

Ford described fitting Bullard into a team as "difficult" because he was such a livewire who enjoyed doing his own thing on the pitch.

His confidence and self-belief gave him an extra edge, according to Ford, who believes Bullard has earned his chance with England.

He said: "He always wanted to take every corner and free-kick and wanted to be involved in everything."

"When I signed him I wouldn't have thought he would go on to play for England



Picture: GETTY IMAGES

LIVE-WIRE: Jimmy Bullard was on £60 a week at Gravesend and also worked as a painter and decorator with his dad - now he's been picked for the England squad

but having seen his career progress there was a point when he was at Wigan that you thought he might get a call-up.

"He was one of the best players I have managed but there are some good players in non-league, it is just up to clubs to give them a chance."

After moving to his beloved West Ham, Bullard was eventually given a free transfer to Peterborough United in 2001 after failing to play a single game for the Hammers.

A prosperous two years at the Posh netted him a £275,000 transfer to Wigan where he helped them in to the Premiership. He spent three seasons with the Latics before Chris Coleman signed him for Fulham.

In September, 2006, Bullard suffered a dislocated kneecap in a game against Newcastle which left him out of the game for 16 months.

He returned for Fulham last season where he almost single-handedly helped them avoid relegation. The combative midfielder has been rewarded for his consistent displays with an

England call-up that should see him play some part due to the injuries to Owen Hargreaves, Steven Gerrard and Michael Carrick.

Bullard said: "I've come up through the leagues. It has been slow but there have been a lot of great times and now wearing the England tracksuit is great for me, fantastic."

"I was a painter and decorator with my dad at Gravesend. I did that for three years alongside playing non-league football. My dad looked after me. I owe a lot to him. He always said 'always play to your best, never give in, you never know who is watching'."

Lifelong Fleet fan Edwards said: "I am not surprised he has been called up for England and in fact I feel he is something we need in the team. Other players have been accused of not having the right desire, but I know that is not something anyone will be able to accuse Jimmy of."



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